



**Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, Connecticut**



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Myke Fuhman, EDC Chair
Kathleen DiTullio
Michael Kiviat
Mark Werner
Greg Manning
James Kloos

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by Mr. Fuhman.

2. Planning for EDC Sponsored Community Holiday Sing Along including Discussion and Action

Mr. Fuhman said the weather for Saturday was not sounding good for the carol sing and wondered if they should move to postpone to Sunday. He said the light up street sign will be up outside Town Hall and a notice could go up. Mr. Werner said the commission could wait another day but he's been on the weather channel and it says 80% chance of rain. Mr. Fuhman said Pat Del Monaco, First Selectperson, was not available on Sunday. Mr. Manning asked if Santa or the high school choral group had a conflict and Mr. Fuhman said he would talk to Santa and asked Ms. DiTullo to reach out to the high school. Mr. Fuhman asked Mr. Kiviat to communicate with the vendors.

The songbooks are going to print, they will be 12 pages and will cost \$243 for 200. The choir will perform two of the songs and the community will sing 10 - they include Jingle Bells, Deck the Halls, Winter Wonderland, the Dreidel song, Frosty, White Christmas, 12 Days of Christmas, Silent Night, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Rudolph, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and the Carol of Bells.

Mr. Manning said he has spoken with Evan White about his light system and he will work with Public Works on the placement of their light system. He felt one should be near the softball field and one on the parking lot near the vendors. He said he spoke to the Health Director about Santa and pictures and he did not prohibit it. He left a message regarding the police.

Mr. Fuhman asked if there might be a budget for a tip for Santa. He said he has not asked for one and he is volunteering but thought if there was a little money available it would be appreciated. Mr. Manning and Ms. DiTullio agreed that EDC should cover the cost. Mr. Fuhman said he would revisit in January after the event.

Mr. Fuhman said Mr. Kiviat was able to get hot cocoa donated from Dunkin Donuts and now they need someone to hand it out or it could be self-service. Mr. Kiviat said Bobbi Ridgeway will have a table set up to publicize RAW Designs and maybe she would be willing to hand out the hot cocoa since she was not going to have anything else to handout.

Ms. DiTullio asked if the sing could be live streamed on FaceBook and Mr. Fuhman said he could record it and take pictures for later posting.

Mr. Kloos said he would bring the EDC banners for display.

Mr. Werner asked how the songbooks were going to be handed out - one per family? Mr. Kloos said he would hand them out as he would be dressed in his elf costume. Mr. Werner asked about the digital version of the songbook. Mr. Furhman said he could put it on the FaceBook page and direct everyone there if they don't want a paper copy.

Mr. Manning said he was excited for the event and hoped for a good turnout.

3. Adjournment

*Mr. Furhman moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm, Mr. Werner seconded and passed unanimously.
Aye: Kloos, DiTullio, Werner, Manning, Furhman, Kiviat*

Minutes recorded by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen R. Badd".

Recording Secretary

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