



Town of New Fairfield

**4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 15, 2024



Present: Myke Furhman
Kathleen DiTullio

Also Present: Evan White, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Call to Order

Mr. Furhman opened the meeting at 7:06 pm. These are notes from that meeting as there was no quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Public Comment & Participation

There was none.

Correspondence & Announcements

Mr. Furhman announced that James Kloos has asked not to be reinstated and thanked him for his service to the commission. John Apple will be joining the commission and is a ZBA member.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 EDC Initiatives Update

Mr Furhman said one initiative to get going is the sign at the high school for 2024. Ms. DiTullio said the commission should coordinate with Mr. White. Mr. White said they should sit down and work on a ZBA application because the area is pre-existing non conforming which only allows a 1x2 sign.

Ms. DiTullio asked if the Board of Education would be included on this or the Superintendent and Mr. White said they would have to sign off. Ms. DiTullio and Mr. White will discuss this week.

ARPA Funding Update/Small Business Grants

Mr. Furhman said the subcommittee will meet this week on a few more applications that have come in.

EDC Sponsored Activities

I. Business Owner Happy Hour

Mr. Furchman suggested this should be discussed with the larger group to plan an event perhaps in June as the weather is more cooperative for an outdoor event. This is in the budget and should be implemented this fiscal year

II. Restaurant Day/Weekend/Week

Mr. Furchman said New Milford is in the middle of restaurant week with specials for participation restaurants. He suggested this could be done in the summer when more people are in town.

EDC Participation in upcoming New Fairfield Events

Ms. DiTullio said Sip & Stroll is May 4th and is using a Kentucky Derby theme. She said she would do a mocktail as she had done last year. She said last year it was under \$100.

New Business

New and Prospective Businesses

Mr. White said Zoning has received a permit for the wine bar at Heritage Plaza for an outdoor seating area. Ms. DiTullio asked if anything was happening at the old 440 and Mr. White said there is no permit pending. There is no timing as of right now on this proposed project.

Mr. Furchman said he will not be at the next two meetings as he will be filming a movie locally with the possibility of filming in New Fairfield.

The meeting closed at 7:16 pm.

Minutes recorded by:



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