

Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee Regular Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2020
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present via Zoom

Myke Fuhman, Chairman
Kathleen DiTullio
James Kloos
Greg Manning
Mark Werner
Ellen Perle

Other Town Officials Present via Zoom

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman

Call To Order Chairman Myke Fuhman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment-None

Approval of Minutes

Myke Fuhman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8th meeting as presented. Kathleen DiTullio seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Myke Fuhman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17th meeting as presented. Kathleen DiTullio seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion approved- Mark Werner abstained)**

Announcements

Chairman Myke Fuhman spoke of the possibility of a new member for the committee that he will recommend to the Board of Selectmen and invite to attend the next EDC meeting. Members of the committee asked for a quick bio for this potential member.

Telethon update and next steps

Ellen Perle spoke of the challenges of holding the Telethon on the originally scheduled date of August 16 and it was decided to reschedule it to sometime in September or October.

She spoke of other details regarding the Telethon:

- Per the Town Attorney, the committee cannot claim that donations are tax deductible.
- Need to know the list of qualifying businesses and if there be corporate sponsors.
- Will need to check with Emcee Christine O'Leary to see if she is available for the rescheduled date.

There was a discussion of the qualifications for businesses that will benefit from this telethon. It was decided to compile a survey for local businesses to identify which businesses would benefit most from this telethon. James Kloos will work with Ellen Perle on the wording of the survey. Myke Fuhman will compile a flyer to solicit donations and sponsors.

Mark Werner made a motion to postpone the date for the Telethon originally scheduled for August 16 until a date to be determined in the future. James Kloos seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

T-shirt fundraiser update

Myke Fuhman noted that just over 100 t-shirts were sold and funds will be distributed to qualified businesses. There was a brief discussion of the EDC getting some publicity while distributing the funds to local businesses. There was a suggestion of checking with the Town Tribune.

Memorial Field Concert recap

Greg Manning noted that the East Lake Ramblers concert held on July 9 was very successful. A payment in the amount of \$300 is needed from the committee to Parks and Recreation for sponsorship. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco will ask the Finance Director to make a transfer for this.

Old Business- None

New Business

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco announced that the Zoning Commission is considering rezoning the October House property to a possible multi-family zone. She noted that this may change the economic set up of the town and encouraged members of the EDC to listen to the Zoning Commission meetings to get more information. She also spoke of the need to get the sewer study done in town.

Public Comment-None

Adjournment

Myke Fuhman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Ellen Perle seconded the motion.
Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos
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