



TOWN OF ENFIELD

Economic Development Commission **MINUTES March 27, 2019**

A meeting of the Enfield Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Enfield Room at the Town Hall.

A. Call to Order

Kiran Majmudar called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present Commissioners: Kiran Majmudar, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Richard Szewczak, Mary Ann Turner, Martha McLeod, Marie Pyznar

Also Present: Laurie Whitten, Nelson Tereso

C. Approval of Minutes

February 27, 2019 – Motion to approve – 1 abstain

D. Report from Development Services

Kiran commented about the TIF moving forward. Mary Ann had a concern with going from 6-7 percent. Martha stated we still need to move this forward. She brought up resident concerns and commented on Aging in Place and how people don't realize what we have in Enfield. EDC needs to better communicate amongst members and public. Laurie stated she has been focusing on budget including allocating funding for re-writing zoning regulations. Kiran inquired about TIF seed money in the amount of \$50k. Laurie will request a line item for the TIF seed money. Laurie stated she is advocating for a position for the Planning Department getting current personnel certified. There is currently an opening for a Building Tech in the Building Department but it has been difficult to fill because it is part-time. Martha suggested posting the job at Asnuntuck and senior center.

E. Liaison Reports

Gretchen reported on the Agricultural Summit. Stated it was very successful and people attended from all over the area. Also, had excellent speakers including



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Brian Hulburt from the CT Farm Bureau Association. Stated that attendance was good despite being a snow date and it was well received by the attendees.

F. Old Business

- a. TOD (Transit Oriented Development) – no update
- b. TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Update – Mary Ann would like to move forward with the Hazardville area. Nelson stated we need to define the boundary. Mary Ann stated the Thompsonville area may be too big and Nelson stated the boundary can be modified.
- c. Subcommittee Meetings – Commission members agreed the subcommittees were no longer necessary. Laurie stated that we keep the titles on the agenda so we speak on each of the topics. Rich suggested updates as to new developments in Enfield.
- a. Review by-laws – Laurie stated that EDC needs to decide how many members the Commission wants. It was changed from 9 members to 15. Members seem to be leaning towards 9 members plus the liaisons. Need clarification as to who votes. Mary Ann suggested we inquire with the Town Manager about an attendance clause. Marie stated the time of the meeting needs to change. Laurie asked about the special meetings that were previously scheduled and the members stated they would no longer be necessary. Kiran stated one hour is not enough time. Amount of meeting language is fine with “quarterly” because it is a minimum requirement but continue with monthly meetings. Kiran wanted to get a definitive meeting time. 4th Tuesday was the decided day at 7:00 p.m. effective immediately.

G. Public Comment

No public comment

H. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved at 9:22 a.m.