



TOWN OF ENFIELD

Economic Development Commission **MINUTES April 18, 2019**

A meeting of the Enfield Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

A. Call to Order

Nelson Tereso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Nelson Tereso and Kristine Koistinen

C. Approval of Minutes

March 27, 2019 minutes – Motion to approve

D. Report from Development Services

Nelson Tereso stated that there was a meeting with Eversource that included himself, Chris Bromson, Laurie Whitten, Kasia Purciello, TRC (environmental consultant) and Shipman & Goodwin (environmental attorney) concluded that there are no significant environmental hazards or PCBs on the property. Environmental land use restriction will be placed on the property and allow negotiations for the clean-up. Report will be done, secure bids for clean up over the summer and then late summer early fall the property will be acquired.

A meeting took place with the DOT commissioner along with town employees and state representatives regarding the train station. The Town proposed a platform instead of an actual train station. DOT Commissioner was in favor of a platform over a train station and will be meeting with Amtrak in 3 weeks. Everyone supported this idea and the meeting was extremely positive.

Nelson Tereso stated that on April 2, 2019 the Town of Enfield became a Certified Local Government and can now access historical federal grant dollars. Current national register districts are Bigelow, Shaker Farms, Hazardville and



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Enfield Street. Discussion regarding buildings that could possibly apply to be on the historical register. Discussion regarding the grant dollars.

Richard Szewczak stated the new zoning regulation changes could lift restrictions for housing for the elderly. Martha McLeod spoke about the services in Enfield for the residents to age in place.

E. Liaison Reports

Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall stated Agricultural Commission and Conservation Commission will do another Agricultural Summit next year with fewer more lengthy sessions. She also stated they will establish a community garden behind Walgreens with grant money available for clearing and maintaining.

F. Old Business

- a. TOD (Transit Oriented Development) – Nelson Tereso reiterated the information about Eversource and the DOT train station meeting regarding the platform. Kiran Majmuder asked about the stops and stated that it is a fantastic idea. It will be a single track with 12 stops.
- b. TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Update – Nelson Tereso provided mapping of Hazardville to keep the momentum moving forward and included a Powerpoint presentation for the Hazardville / Scitico District. Nelson is now referring to it as the Historic Villages TIF District. Discussion of the various areas, businesses and buildings both occupied and vacant, in the district took place during slide presentation. Discussion followed of what should be included in the Historic Villages TIF district.
- c. Development Process & Policies – no comment
- d. Outreach & Education – no comment

G. New Business – keep EDC by-laws on the Agenda

H. Public Comment – no public comment

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved at 9:05 p.m.