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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT**

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Kelly, Regular Member Donna Resutek, and Alternate Stefanie Cunningham

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Chris Todd, Regular Member David Hurley, Alternates Sulakshana Thanvanthri and Bryan Platt

STAFF

PRESENT: Lisa M. Houlihan, Town Planner and Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sean Kelly called the Economic Development Commission meeting to order at 7:06 PM in the Ellington Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): None

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Report: Tolland County Chamber of Commerce
 - a. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce bi-annual auction dinner dance “An Evening of Elegance”, Saturday, November 16, 2019 @ Maneeley’s Banquet Facility in South Windsor, CT.

Chairman Kelly announced the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce will host another bi-annual auction dinner dance on November 16, 2019. Ms. Houlihan donated a complex Lego set for the auction.

Ms. Houlihan received a draft meeting agenda for the Chamber’s annual meeting to be held on October 2, 2019. The Chamber is considering the Commission’s nominations for awards: Oakridge Dairy & The Modern Milkman for Economic Development & Best New Business and The Ivy at Ellington for Beautification.

2. Report: Agricultural Initiatives

There was nothing to report.

3. Report: Sustainable Ellington
 - a. 1.4 - Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

After a brief discussion pertaining to a business networking event at DiFiore Ravioli Shop on October 23, 2019, Chairman Kelly suggested postponing the event to allow more time to prepare and issue announcements. In lieu of rescheduling the event,

the regular meeting for October 9, 2019, will not be canceled. Ms. Houlihan explained Don DiFiore is planning on joining the Chamber and is interested in hosting a networking event with the Commission. She suggested the Commission host a collaborative event with the Chamber, and explained that they are looking for a venue for a Business After Hours event on December 10, 2019. The Commission liked the suggestion and December date. Ms. Houlihan will discuss the new date with Mr. DiFiore and follow-up with the Chamber to see if the December date is still available.

b. 1.5 - Promote Sustainable Workforce Development

Discussion was tabled.

4. Report: Tax Incentive/Abatement Programs

There was nothing to report.

5. Report: Current Economic Activity

There was nothing to report.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the August 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (CUNNINGHAM) SECONDED (RESUTEK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence:

- a. Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) informational postcard
- b. CIRMA – Understanding Workplace Violence & Prevention Strategies – Town of Ellington Employees, Board, Commission and Committee Members, October 29, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, location: TBD

CIRMA will conduct a seminar on understanding workplace violence and prevention strategies on October 29, 2019. Employees and commissioners are encouraged to attend.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (CUNNINGHAM) SECONDED (RESUTEK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk