

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

DATE: September 5, 2018
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room B

MINUTES

Present

Augusto Russell Carol King
Robert Reeve Ed Giannaros
Bill Wadsworth John Karwoski
Daniel Kleinman Brian Connolly

Staff

Rose Ponte

- a. Call to Order**
a. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 pm
- b. Public Comment – No Comments**
- c. Presentation by Metro Realty- Kyle Richards**
Kyle Richards gave a presentation about an upcoming project on Farmington Avenue. The project is one that would utilize the new Innovation Floating Zone. It would be a mixed use development offering housing, restaurants, and possible office space. One of the most important benefits to the town would be the ability to attract a younger demographic to Farmington.
A motion was made and seconded (Kleinman/ King) to issue a positive referral for the project.
a. **Motion carried**
- d. Reading of the Minutes**
A motion was made and seconded (Wadsworth / Reeve) to accept the June 20, 2018 minutes.
a. The **motion carried.**
- e. EDC Business Breakfast**
a. The Commissioners discussed the logistics concerning the September 26, 2018. They agreed to recognize CT Spring & Stamping for 78 years in business.
b. Breakfast Sponsorship
Farmington Bank President, John Patrick, and Mike Schweighoffer, met with Rose and Kathy Eagen to discuss the transition that will take place with the bank's acquisition by People's Bank. During that meeting Mr. Patrick offered to continue the breakfast sponsorship for one year through the Farmington Bank Foundation. Webster Bank also offered to sponsor the business breakfast. The Commissioners were very grateful for Farmington Bank's support through the years and they were very appreciative of the Webster Bank sponsorship. In recognition that Farmington Bank has been sponsoring the Breakfast since its inception consensus among the Commissioners was to accept Farmington Bank's one year extension. The Commissioners asked Rose to schedule a meeting with Webster Bank to explore other avenues in which the EDC could partner with Webster Bank.

A motion was made and seconded (Reeve/King) to accept the Farmington Bank Foundation sponsorship for one additional year
a. Motion carried.
- f. Review of the Commission's by-laws for election of officers**
Rose reminded the Commissioners that according to the Commission's governance rules officers must be elected by the November monthly meeting.
- g. Economic Developers Report-** The report was reviewed by the Commissioners.

- h. **Planner's Report** – Commissioner's reviewed the planner's report.
- i. **Town Council Liaison Report-**
Councilman Giannaros gave an update on the Town Council's 3 subcommittees. The Committees have been meeting throughout the summer.
- j. **Adjournment**
A motion was made and seconded (King/ Karwoski) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. **Approved unanimously**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Ponte
Economic Development Director**

CC: Economic Development Commissioners

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