

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

DATE: May 8, 2019
 TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 PLACE: Town Council Chambers

MINUTES

Present

John Karwoski
 Amy Suffredini
 Robert Reeve
 Brian Connolly
 Bill Wadsworth
 Carol King
 Ed Giannaros

Staff

Rose Ponte

- a. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting was called to order by the Brian Connolly at 5:30 pm
- b. **Public Comment- none noted**
- c. **Presentation for possible referral for Collinsville Savings Bank**
 The president of Collinsville Savings Bank gave a presentation outlining their proposed new bank branch to be built in the Highland Park Market Plaza. Collinsville Bank is a 166-year-old community bank and is very interested in adding a branch in Farmington. They believe they could service customers that are looking for a community bank after Farmington Bank was acquired by People's Bank. They propose to build a 2500 square foot building in the front area of the plaza. They completed a positive Economic Impact Statement.
 - a. A motion was made and seconded (Wadsworth / Karwoski) to issue a positive referral for the proposed Collinsville Bank.
Motion approved, Commission Reeve abstained
- d. **Reading of the Minutes**
 A motion was made and seconded (Karwoski/Wadsworth) to accept the May 8, 2019 minutes.
 - a. **The motion carried.**
- e. **Economic Developer's Report (Attachment 2)**
 1. **May 15 Business Breakfast Proclamation-** There are 180 registered for the breakfast that will take place on May 15
 2. **Bioscience Seminar-** Rose secured a sponsorship from We Work for Health for CEDAS to present a Bioscience Seminar at the UCONN TIP building in Farmington. Panelist will include bioscience site consultants, scientists and leaders in the CT Bioscience field. Rose will send the Commissioners a link to register for the event.

3. **Meet and Greet at Starbucks**-Rose met with the manager at Starbucks, and the manager proposed hosting a meet and greet of Town leaders at the Starbucks in Farmington. Overall the commissioners understood why Starbucks would be interested in hosting this event, they thought it could be well received if it included Town Council, EDC and TPZ Commissioners. Rose will coordinate with the Town Manager's office and the Starbuck's Manager.

- f. **Town Council Liaison Report**
The Annual Town Meeting took place on April 16 at 7:00 PM it was adjourned to a referendum vote that took place on April 26. The town budget was passed on April 26, 2019. The FHS Building Committee met for the first time on April 24, 2019, they established priorities, communications plan and subcommittees.

- g. **Adjournment**
A motion was made and seconded Suffredini/Karwoski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. **Approved unanimously**

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

CC: Economic Development Commissioners