



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**Town Hall
2nd floor Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795
Thursday, May 18, 2023
7:30 PM**

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Chairman Joseph McGrail called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Joe McGrail, Chairman
Jack Traver, Vice Chairman (left at 8:33)
Theodore Migliarese, Secretary
Zaiga Antonetti
Charles Beliveau

Members Absent: Stephen Miske
Robert Piazzaroli

Alternates Present: Catarina DiVito
Peter Linn

Alternates Absent:

Others Present: Joseph Seacrist, Economic Development Coordinator

3. Public Comment – none.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Jack Traver seconded by Zaiga Antonetti to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023 as presented.

Motion passes unanimously

5. Correspondence - none
6. Economic Development Coordinator's Report
Distributed at meeting and posted on web.

7. Old and Unfinished Business

- a. Application for façade improvements – received one application.

Chair Joseph McGrail they did everything needed.

Motion: Jack Traver seconded Zaiga Antonetti by to approve the Watertown History Museum application.

Discussion: none

Motion approved unanimously

Joe Seacrist will call them tomorrow with the contract for signature and then go to the Town Manager for approval. His understanding is that we don't cut any checks until the final bill is submitted.

Motion: Joseph McGrail seconded by Zaiga Antonetti: to authorize Joe based on the input he receives from the businesses on Main Street, if he finds the communication or the letter that was sent out didn't reach the proper audience, that we could authorize him to extend the program until July 30, 2023.

Motion approved unanimously

Chair Joseph McGrail asked Joe Seacrist to email his findings from the communications with businesses.

- b. Heritage property development – they are asking P & Z for revision of application to downsize.
- c. Sealy update – P & Z denied the application.
- d. Intensive care building – significant progress made.
- e. Communication with Middlebury Attorney about distribution center – had discussion with attorney in regards to location.

8. New Business

- a. New food distribution center on Echo Lake Road – they are looking for a small warehouse for a distribution center.
- b. Sale of 795 Straits Turnpike – childcare center – former Subaru car dealership.
- c. Update on 262 project – options have expired, for sale if someone wants to reach out.

9. Second Public comments (limited to items on the agenda) – none.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Antonetti seconded by Miske to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McGrail, Chairman