



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**Town Hall
2nd floor Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795
Thursday, March 21, 2024
7:30 PM**

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Chairman Joseph McGrail called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Joe McGrail, Chairman
Jack Traver, Vice Chairman
Zaiga Antonetti
Charles Beliveau

Members Absent: Theodore Migliarese, Secretary
Stephen Miske
Robert Piazzaroli

Alternates Present:

Alternates Absent: Catarina DiVito
Peter Linn

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 February 15, 2024 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. Discussion with large company which wants to move to Watertown from Waterbury – manufacturing company is looking for property to house their main headquarters.
 - b. March 5, 2024 joint meeting of Planning and Zoning and Economic Development with Deputy DECD Commissioner as a speaker Town Council invited. – Mr. Matthew Pugliese, Deputy Commission of the Connecticut of Economic and Community Development presented a presentation and the goal of the program was to show ways to improve communications between the commissions and the Town Council.
8. New Business
 - a. Results of guest speaker presentation. – positive feedback.
 - b. New fuel cell power generation in town – taking an option on a piece of property in the Old Farms Division for access. (It was noted that the agenda 8. b should have said battery cell storage in town instead of fuel cell power generation in town.
 - c. Spring plans for Main Street development – movement to demolish building for parking lot and to implement the road safety program.
9. Second Public comments (limited to items on the agenda)
Franke Popilowski, 35 Chestnut Avenue asked about an update on the projects in town such as the Cinema with the parking, Chipotle building, the wetlands and useable property.
10. Adjournment

Motion: Charles Beliveau seconded by Jack Traver to adjourn the meeting a 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McGrail, Chairman

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