



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**Town Hall
2nd floor Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795
Thursday, January 18, 2024
7:30 PM**

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Chairman Joseph McGrail called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Joe McGrail, Chairman
Jack Traver, Vice Chairman
Theodore Migliarese, Secretary

Members Absent: Zaiga Antonetti
Charles Beliveau
Stephen Miske
Robert Piazzaroli

Alternates Present: Catarina DiVito

Alternates Absent: Peter Linn

Others Present: Joseph Seacrist, Economic Development Coordinator

3. Public Comment – none

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Catarina DiVito seconded by Jack Traver to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2023 as presented.

Motion passes unanimously

4. Correspondence – none

6. Economic Development Coordinator’s Report
Distributed at meeting and posted on web.

7. Old and Unfinished Business
 - a. Sealy update – pending negotiations with owners and P & Z – no updates
 - b. Former Heritage property – reaching out to town for discussion.

8. New Business
 - a. Possible increase in façade payouts –thinking about going to \$3,000.00 and possibly reaching out to business owners.
 - b. Discussion with large company which wants to move to Watertown from Waterbury – looking to build a 100,000 square building.
 - c. Budget for next year – carry over from last year with minor adjustments.

9. Second Public comments (limited to items on the agenda)
Richard Rozanski, 35 Reynold Street asked why is there no signs on vacant buildings.

Katherine Camara, 31 Cottage Place added it is whoever the applicant is to put up the signs. Ms. Camara asked if the building on Bunker Hill and Straits Turnpike is for offices or medical and the number of doctors that will be there. Ms. Camara asked for an update on the movie theater.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Ted Migliarese seconded by Dan DiVito to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McGrail, Chairman