

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
Economic Development Commission
January 19, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall Room 203

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order. Chairman Napierski opened the meeting at 6:05 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Roll Call. Commissioners Present: Napierski, Davis, Lapinski, Gillette. Absent: McCarthy, Hewitt and Hernandez. Also present Council Liaison Yuchniuk and Staff Assistant Planner Colleen Bezanson
- 4) Alterations to the Agenda.
- 5) Remarks from the Public regarding items on the Agenda (3-minute limit). None
- 6) To Consider and Act on a Motion to approve:
 - i) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2021. Discussion was held on some members not receiving the minutes. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Gillette and seconded by Commissioner Lapinski to continue to the next meeting. Voice vote- All in Favor – **Motion Carried.**
- 7) Unfinished Business:
 - a) Discussion of Quantela signage program. Chairman Napierski indicated that he had a discussion regarding the signs with the Mayor and asked that this item be removed from the agenda. Discussion was held. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Gillette and seconded by Commissioner Lapinski to remove the item from the agenda. Voice vote- All in Favor- **Motion Carried.**
- 8) New Business:
 - a) New Businesses Report. Discussion was held about list and the number of smoke shops in town and if trying to reduce smoking in town then why had new stores been approved. Discussion was held regarding signage for places to smoke. Staff indicated that there was some confusion and that the health risks of smoking was to be discussed during her Sustainable CT presentation and was different then the number of smoke related shops that had been approved.
 - b) Discussion of EDC role in Sustainable CT certification – presentation by Asst. Town Planner Colleen Bezanson. Staff gave a presentation to the Commission about what Sustainable CT was and the action items that needed to be done. She explained how the Commission was a vital part in implementing some of the action items and some scenarios as to how that could be accomplished. Discussion was held on the role of the Commission since they were volunteers. Staff explained how the Commission would not be doing all the work themselves but instead would be working with staff and other Boards and Commissions. Commission asked staff to provide a priority list of things that needed to be done and asked for some information about website traffic.

Commissioner Gillette made a **MOTION** that Discussion regarding the Leadership Coach Pro Proposal be added to the agenda as Item 8C which was seconded by Chairperson Davis. Voice Vote- All in Favor – **Motion Carried.**

- c) Leadership Coach Pro Proposal: Commissioner Lapinski explained that the Commission may want to look into this and to talk at this at the next meeting. Discussion was held.
- 9) Report from Town Council Liaison.
Council Yuchniuk gave a brief description of the solar project at the transfer station and indicated that there was new funding coming to the Town that could be looked into for projects.
- 10) Remarks from the Public (3-minute limit). None.
- 11) Remarks from the Commissioners and Town Council Liaison. None.
- 12) Adjournment. Commissioner Gillette mad a **MOTION** and seconded by Chairperson Davis to adjourn the meeting. All in favor- **Motion Carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Bezanson
Assistant Town Planner