

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by the Chairperson of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of Procedure, decorum, timeliness, and suitability shall be followed and enforced.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call

Present were Chairperson Mickey Gillette, Vice-Chair Meracus Hernandez, Commissioners Sierra Davis, Walter Hewitt (by phone) and Sheelagh Lapinski. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were Assistant Planner Meredith Badalucca, Town Council Liaison Kevin Lathrop and Mayor Leonard Bunnell.

4. Alterations to the Agenda -- None

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Davis; seconded by Vice-Chair Hernandez to approve the EDC Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024. Discussion: none. **Voice vote:** 5-0-0, all in favor. **Motion approved.**

6. Remarks from the Public (3-Minute Limit)

Chairperson Gillette asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

7. Standing Business

a) Report from the Town Council Liaison – No report

b) EDC Commission Communications -- None

c) New Business Report

Chairperson Gillette reported there were no new businesses in Town in December but two (2) in November—a package store / mini mart and a home office: handyman, small home repair.

d) Project Updates

Assistant Planner Badalucca reported on approval a text amendment to allow workplace housing regulation by special permit in Zoning Regulation Sections 4.11.13.4.1 and 11.3 and add Section 11.3.1.; 200 apartments at 1758 and 1790 Route 32 for five (5) 4-story multi-family buildings; 57-unit mixed income, multi-family dwelling at 2268, 2280, and 2284 Route

32; and 25 Church Lane was tabled to work with the applicant to change use from residential to office space.

8. Ongoing Business

a) CIF Planning Grant Status and Endorsement

Mayor Bunnell remarked that no information has been obtained yet on the grant.

b) Consulting Services RFP

Assistant Planner Badalucca reported that an endorsement is being sought from Governor Lamont.

c) Commission Work Program – No action. Refer to Agenda Item 8.b.

d) Appointment of member and alternate to CIF Grant Advisory Committee

Assistant Planner Badalucca reported that at a meeting that is held monthly members for the Committee will be discussed. Mayor Bunnell remarked that the meeting is held with the Planning & Zoning Chair, Chairperson Gillette and him in attendance and names for the Committee will be reported at the next EDC meeting.

9. New Business -- None

10. Remarks from the Public (3-minute limit)

Chairperson Gillette asked three (3) times for remarks. Mayor Bunnell reported that everything that staff has been working on has been met with success and the determination to make them work has been greatly appreciated and has been noticed by others.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Lapinski; seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. **Voice vote:** 5-0-0, all in favor. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Clerk/Town of Montville