

**Town of Montville**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Room 203- Town Hall**  
**310 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT 06382**

**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.**

**This meeting was informational—a forum was not present.**

**Call to Order**

1. Vice-Chair Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

A moment of silence was had followed by the pledge to the flag.

**3. Roll Call**

Present were Vice-Chair Meracus Hernandez and Commissioners Sierra Davis and Walter Hewitt. Chairperson Mickey Gillette and Commissioners Rich Kohlbrecher and Sheelagh Lapinski were absent. A quorum was not present.

Assistant Planner Meredith Badalucca and Land Use and Development Department Director Dennis Goderre were present. Mayor Lenny Bunnell and Town Council Liaison Kevin Lathrop were absent.

**4. Alterations to the Agenda** – No action taken

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – No action taken

a) September 15, 2025

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

Vice-Chair Hernandez asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

**7. Standing Business**

a) Report from the Town Council Liaison -- None

Commissioner Hewitt asked whether a written report could be submitted to the Commission if there is no plan to attend the Commission meeting.

b) EDC Commission Communications

Assistant Planner Badalucca introduced newly appointed Land Use and Development Department Director Dennis Goderre.

c) New Business Report

Three (3) new businesses were reported on the New Business Report for September 2025. These home businesses included marketing in Rhode Island/Office for shed sales; cleaning for beer taps and lines; and the growing of edible flowers. Commissioner Hewitt asked that the report heading be included on each page of the report.

d) Project Updates

Assistant Planner Badalucca reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting agenda. Public hearings will be held on a 23-lot resubdivision at 47 Sharp Hill Road and a 23-lot cluster resubdivision at 47 Sharp Hill Road. Other business includes zone change from R-40 to R-20 on Maple Avenue and a review C.G.S Section 8-24 for the discontinuance and sale of PTA Lane.

**8. Ongoing Business**

a) CIF Planning Grant Status and Endorsement

Assistant Planner Badalucca reported that a monthly planning meeting is being held with Coordinator Jim Butler of BJH Consulting Services of New York who oversees the CIF Grant process. A flowchart was distributed for upcoming activities. A meeting will be held with the Farmers Market as part of a community engagement report.

b) Commission Work Program – No action taken

c) The Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce—Empty Storefronts Listing Discussion.

Assistant Planner Badalucca continued discussion regarding the Empty Storefronts Listing. Commissioner Hewitt reported speaking with Dime Bank concerning the building behind the Subway Restaurant. He was told that it needs roof work.

**9. New Business**

Land and Development Director Goderre reported that the State has announced another round for the CIF Grant and a trails grant.

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

Vice-Chair Hernandez asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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