

**Town of Deep River Economic Development Commission**  
**March 15, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** Lewis called the meeting to order @ 7 pm

**Members in attendance:** Recchia, Kornacki, Lewis

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Upon Motion by Kornacki, seconded by Recchia then carried unanimously the minutes from the February meeting were presented as presented.

**Audience:** None

- **Old Business:**
- Survey discussion. Appears that the survey is well received to date.
- Lighting / security and restroom enhancements at the Town Dock. Check with Selectman.

**New Business:**

- The group discussed the concept of assisting Main Street businesses in a “coordinated small-scale façade improvement program” to spur economic growth in the downtown sector. The initial scope of this program will be to determine what “tools” are available and appropriate for encouraging private owners to make façade improvements. Local Government tools *may* include:
  - Loan Programs.
  - Use of ARPA funds if deemed permissible.
  - Property Tax exemptions.
  - Assistance with code enforcement challenges.

Kornacki suggested that an RFP for startup of this program may include a review by an architectural firm to coordinate and render conceptual drawings.

**Adjournment:** Upon ***Motion*** by Kornacki, seconded by Reccia and carried unanimously the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lewis  
Secretary