

Town of Deep River Economic Development Commission
June 21st, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

Members in attendance: MacKenzie, Kornacki, Recchia.

Acceptance of Minutes: Upon Motion by Kornacki, Seconded by Recchia then carried unanimously, the minutes from the March 15, 2022, meeting were presented as accepted. There were no meetings held in either April or May of 2022.

Audience: Aaron Rubin (Valley Courier reporter) Angus McDonald (arrived at 7:12).

Old Business:

- Discussion of the Town Dock area: As the two no charge moorings in the mooring field have been well received, the importance of lighting, security and safety were discussed for the transients and locals utilizing the moorings and the dingy dock. Upon Motion by Recchia, seconded by Kornacki then carried unanimously, the commission approved a five-thousand-dollar (\$5000.) contribution towards dingy dock safety and lighting improvements. There was a discussion regarding a permanent building to house the restrooms and trash bins. EDC and BOS to investigate similar facilities being utilized by other municipalities in their harbor areas.
- EDC Survey. This survey was closed in Early June. The results are being tabulated and will be available shortly.

New Business:

- The group again 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.
 - Assistance with code enforcement challenges.The commission, with input from the Design Review Board as well as P&Z, will develop an RFP to determine the cost of Architectural Services for variable scope(s) of this project then present the findings to the BOS.

Adjournment:

Upon **Motion** by Recchia, seconded by Mackenzie then carried unanimously, the commission voted to adjourn @ 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lewis
Secretary