

Town of Deep River Economic Development Commission

July 19, 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

Members in attendance: Ted Mackenzie, Nick Kornacki, Pete Lewis, Lewis is acting as Recording Secretary.

Acceptance of Minutes: Upon *Motion* by Kornacki, seconded by Mackenzie, then carried unanimously, the Minutes from the May 2021 meeting were accepted as presented.

Audience: Christine Nucci, Mike & Stacy DiNello, Fred Jordan, Alison Sloane, Kai Recchia. Advance CT staff members (3) Courtney, Kevin and Rachel.

Old Business:

- **Advance CT Survey review:** Rachel of Advance CT suggesting a “trimming down” as well as modification of preliminary draft of survey questions. The Commission reviewed the list with Rachel, agreeing on what may be the final draft. The Commission will further review the revisions, and should have the survey finalized by the August meeting. Planning and Zoning members have been involved, and will review the final survey draft ensuring that the survey questions will glean information beneficial to P&Z’s updating of their current “Plan of Conservation and Development”.

New Business:

- Allison Sloane, Kai Recchia and Stacy DiNello attended the meeting to express interest in filling vacancies on the Commission. The Board of Selectman will review their qualifications then make the final determination.
- Mike DiNello and Fred Jordan expressed dissatisfaction regarding their perception of lax enforcement of motor vehicle enforcement statutes in town. Lewis suggested they contact CSP Resident TFC. Kelo to discuss this topic as it is not in the EDC’s purview.
- Atwood Auto: MacKenzie polling EDC members to determine support of proposed car wash at the intersection of Pent Road and Main Street. The Commission members were all in agreement that this business would be a positive, attracting people to Deep River. Lewis to copy P&Z Chairman Bolduc, to discuss zoning revision at this location.
- MacKenzie read aloud a prepared statement that he penned to the Commission. The gist of which is that he is hoping more townspeople can find the time to volunteer their time to make Deep River a better place to live. Many of Deep Rivers non-regulatory Commissions and Boards have vacancies.
- Lewis gave a brief overview of the proposed plan of the owners of 500 South Main to construct 2- 30’ X 120’ self-storage buildings on their property. MacKenzie felt a more suitable use, in so far as EDC is concerned, would be more small business space. MacKenzie went on to state that *his* property at the *Winthrop Industrial Park* is and has been filled to capacity since its inception.

Adjournment:

Upon *Motion* by Lewis, seconded by Kornacki then carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 16, 2021 @ 7pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Lewis, Acting Secretary