



Town of Cromwell Economic Development Commission

***REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2024
ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET***

Minutes and Record of Votes

Present: Vice Chairman Jay Polke, Marilyn Teitelbaum-Dworkin, Paul Warena and Diane Wiegert

Absent: Chairman Richard Nobile and Robert Donohue

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Town Council member Paula Luna

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Vice Chair Polke.

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2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates

The presence of the above members was noted.

A motion was made by Marilyn Teitelbaum-Dworkin and accepted by Paul Warena to seat Diane Wiegert. All were in favor; the motion passed.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Marilyn Teitelbaum-Dworkin and seconded by Paul Warena to approve the agenda. All were in favor; the motion passed.

4. Public Comments

5. Director of Planning and Development Report

Mr. Popper reviewed his memo dated February 13, 2024 update on residential and commercial development in town. He explained that on the EDC web site there is a directory of town businesses. He said we have updated the directory and reviewed the list he created of new business and the list of closed businesses in Cromwell. Mr. Popper asked the Commissioners to keep him informed of any changes or updates they may see. He said he also created a database of buildings or parcels that are for sale or lease. Mr. Popper said he found them by looking at various realtors' websites and by seeing signs in front of the properties. Vice Chair Polke asked how many empty retail spaces there were and Mr. Popper said 16 and many of those are at 136 Berlin Road. He said the owner of that plaza came to the Planning and Zoning

Commission meeting last night and asked for feedback about a plan to build 150-200 apartments above the existing 2 story portion of the shopping center. He said this would require a zone change.

6. New Business:

Ms. Teitelbaum-Dworkin said that the Mayor has talked about offering free voluntary training or workshops. She said I am interested in learning more about town government and asked if there were any specific training modules of interest that she could pass on to the Mayor. Ms. Wiegert said maybe an EDC training.

7. Chairman's Comments/Commissioners' Comments

Mr. Warenda said he liked the reports that Mr. Popper shared with them tonight and Vice Chair Polke said he did too and commended Mr. Popper for the effort it took in producing a thorough list.

Mr. Popper said that all of the cannabis dispensaries seemed to have gone away. He said that 5 Berlin Road is for sale and we haven't seen or heard from the group who took over the old dry cleaners in over a year.

Mr. Warenda asked about the Red Lion and Mr. Popper said they reported at a Chamber meeting they will start demolition in 2024. Mr. Polke said the Mexican restaurant coming to the old 99 restaurant will be good for Cromwell.

8. Communications:

9. Approval of Minutes:

a. January 17, 2024


A motion was made by Paul Warenda and seconded by Marilyn Teitelbaum-Dworkin to approve the minutes of January 17, 2024. All were in favor; the motion passed.

10. Good & Welfare

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Marilyn Teitelbaum-Dworkin and seconded by Diane Wiegert to adjourn at 6:54pm. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Imme
Recording Clerk