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Town of Cromwell Economic Development Commission

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021 ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Director of Planning and Development Report
- 6. New Business:
- 7. Chairman's Comments/Commissioners' Comments
- 8. Communications: see attached P & Z Minutes
- 9. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. March 17, 2020
- 10. Good & Welfare
- 11. Adjourn

Town of Cromwell Economic Development Commission

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday March 17, 2021 Room 222 Cromwell Town Hall 41 West Street

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Richard Nobile, Jay Polke, Joe Fazekas and Bob Donohue

Absent: Marilyn Teitlebaum-Dworkin and Paul Warenda

Also, Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Town Council Liaison Al Waters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Nobile at 6:32 PM.

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Bob Donohue to approve the Agenda; seconded by Jay Polke. *All in favor, motion passed.*

4. Public Comments

None

5. Director of Planning and Development Report

Mr. Popper said the negotiations did not work out with the Summit Group who were the preferred developer for 60 and 61 River Road. He explained that the Redevelopment Agency has authorized town staff to go back out with the RFP that was previously advertised. Mr. Popper said the goal is to have a public-private partnership on the river side and hopefully on the land side the developer would be interested in purchasing that parcel.

Mr. Popper said that development continues at the Nike site, Arbor Meadows on Field Road as well as Covenant Village facility. He noted that Covenant Village is going to have a grand opening towards the end of April for their new facility. Mr. Popper said there was a ribbon cutting on March 17th at the new town public works department and sewer facility. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission has an application

for a nine-lot subdivision on Hicksville Road with one lot on West Street. Mr. Popper said it is proposed for the undeveloped area located north of the Missionary Road entrance to Adelbrook. He explained that the will be before the IWWA at the April 7, 2021 meeting and will be before the Planning and Zoning Commission at the April 20th meeting.

Mr. Popper said at the March 16th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Paramount Construction LLC had submitted an application to run their operation at 80R Geer Street (the former Cromwell Concrete storage site). He said Paramount Construction was very cooperative by coming in and getting a permit and will adhere to the town regulations for the hour's operation and for the control noise, dust and traffic.

Mr. Popper explained that at the ShopRite Center, they are hoping to go forward with some of the national tenants that had signed last spring which, obviously because of the COVID, did not go forward. He said the town is hoping to see some activity up there soon. Mr. Popper also mentioned there is the new bakery/cake shop will be moving into the former Tea Roses Tea Room on Main Street.

Mr. Popper said the Starbucks is open and doing very well. He noted that the Marriott Springhill Suites is open, and the developer is very happy with the location of the hotel and may consider building another type of hotel in town.

Mr. Popper noted that Mr. Orlando Cardenas on West Street has built an addition onto the existing house in which his daughters will move their beauty salon. He said Mr. Cardenas currently runs his landscaping business from this location and is building a retail shop on the corner of West Street and Mystique Lane.

Mr. Popper reports that things are moving along at 70 Commerce Drive noting the owners have said there is a lot of interest in the property and hope to move forward in the fall with a building. He closed by saying there is no news on the status of the Mr. Snow's project on the corner of Court Street and Shunpike Road.

6. New Business:

Election of Officers:

Joe Fazekas nominated Richard Nobile for Chairman. Jay Polke seconded the nomination. *All in favor; motion passed.*

Joe Fazekas nominated Jay Polke for Vice Chairman. Bob Donohue seconded the nomination. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Chairman's Comments/Commissioners' Comments

None

8. Communications: see attached P & Z Minutes

There were no comments.

9. Approval of Minutes:

November 18, 2021: Corrections needed. Tabled.

10. Good & Welfare

No comments.

11. Adjourn.

Motion made my Joe Fazekas to adjourn at 7:04 PM; seconded by Jay Polke. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Armetta

Recording Clerk