

**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

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

Absent: Marilyn Teitlebaum-Dworkin and Paul Warena

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 offered the following updates:

Negotiations did not work out with the Summit Group who were the preferred developer for 60 and 61 River Road. The Redevelopment Agency authorized town staff to go back out with the RFP that was previously advertised. 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. The town will reach out to some interested parties before advertising.

Development continues at the Nike site as well as Covenant Living. Covenant Living is going to have a grand opening towards the end of April for their new facility. There was a ribbon cutting on March 17th at the new town and sewer public works department facility. Development continues over at Arbor Meadows; they are moving along getting more houses built. Planning and Zoning has an application.

for an eight-lot subdivision on Hicksville Road with one lot on West Street. It is north of the entrance to Adelbrook the Missionary Road entrance. The application will be in front of Planning and Zoning at the April 20th meeting.

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. The town is hoping to see some very large-scale activity up there soon. Mr. Popper also mentioned there is the new cake shop over at the former Tea Room.

At the March 16th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Paramount got a permit to run their operation. The town has had some issues with Paramount regarding dust and hours of operation. Paramount was very cooperative by coming in and getting a permit. They will adhere to the town regulations regarding running trucks very early in the morning, which was an issue with all the neighbors. Paramount has agreed to follow the town hours of operation by limiting their operation from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Starbucks is open and doing very well. The Fairfield Inn is open, and they are very happy with the location of the hotel and may consider building another one.

Mr. Orlando Cardenas on Mystique Lane has built an addition onto the existing house in which his daughters will move their beauty salon. Mr. Cardenas currently runs his landscaping business from this location and wants to set up a retail shop onsite.

Mr. Popper reports that things are moving along at 50 and 70 Commerce Drive. There is a lot of interest in the property and hope to move forward in the fall.

The Carrier Company will not be moving forward with the proposed apartments on 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 was no update.

9. Approval of Minutes:

November 18, 2021: Corrections needed. Tabled.

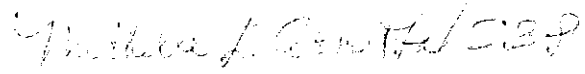
10. Good & Welfare

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle L. Armetta".

Michelle L. Armetta

Recording Clerk