

## MINUTES

<b>Members Present:</b>	S. Ferrigno, M. Hirschorn, J. McGuire, A. McPherson, L. Watson (6:45 p.m.)
<b>Members Absent:</b>	C. Chukwuogor, D. Fecho, J. Richard
<b>Ex-Officio Members Present:</b>	P. Shapiro, B. Shaiken
<b>Staff Present:</b>	C. van Zelm, L. Painter, J. Carrington, E. Galbraith

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

S. Ferrigno called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## MINUTES

A. McPhearson MOVED, J. McGuire seconded, approval of the 8-22-2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously (5-0-0). Minutes were acted upon after the arrival of L. Watson when quorum was met.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Water System Advisory Committee

A. McPherson volunteered to serve as the EDC representative to the Connecticut Water Company's Water System Advisory Committee. Meetings are generally held in April and October of each year with special meetings scheduled as-needed to review pending applications. J. McGuire discussed the importance of representation by the EDC on this Committee. Staff will forward the nomination to the Town Council Committee on Committees for formal appointment.

### 2019-2020 Workplan

The meeting packet included an updated list of subcommittees with members and general ideas for responsibilities. L. Painter reported that D. Fecho volunteered to serve on subcommittee C (UConn Collaboration) via email. L. Watson requested that he be removed from subcommittee A (Business Outreach), as he recalled volunteering for D (Planning & Zoning Regulation Review) and E (Commission Governance and Bylaws). S. Ferrigno volunteered to work on Business Outreach in place of L. Watson, and to remove himself from subcommittee B (Opportunity Zone Support) as a result. C. van Zelm discussed requirements for the posting of agendas and minutes for subcommittee meetings. Staff will provide templates and assistance with posting. C. van Zelm will attend subcommittee's initial meetings and then attend only on an as-needed basis.

### Southern Mansfield Redevelopment

L. Painter and C. van Zelm updated the EDC on recent meetings with the owner of East Brook Mall as well as supplemental funding provided by the Council for economic development activities. Potential uses for the funding were discussed; staff will provide more detailed options for consideration at the October meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Member Updates**

S. Ferrigno thanked J. McGuire for his service on the EDC for the past 10 years, including his last two years as Chair; this sentiment was echoed by the other members.

### **Staff Updates**

L. Painter provided a status update with regard to CERC's work on the Opportunity Zone. C. van Zelm discussed the upcoming Regional Economic Development Focus Group on Monday, September 30 at 7 pm in Coventry. The Towns of Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield, and Tolland have engaged a consultant, the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), to assist with the creation of a regional economic development action plan within the four-town region. The goal of this plan is to recommend steps forward for the four towns to work more collaboratively on a strategy that takes into consideration the unique assets and challenges of the region as well as the economic development efforts we have already undertaken.

### **Business Openings/Closings**

Smoker's World is now open in Downtown Storrs and En Pointe Dance and Drama is now open at Four Corners. C. van Zelm, L. Painter and J. Carrington also noted their tour of Nature's Medicine (Four Corners).

### **Housing Changes**

L. Painter reported that there is an inland/wetland application pending for the proposed development of the J.E Shepard property with 358 units of multi-family housing. The public hearing is scheduled for November. L. Painter noted that she also anticipates receiving other applications for new housing development in the coming months.

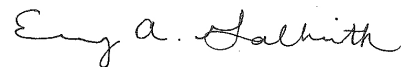
## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2019.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emmy Galbraith  
Administrative Assistant