



Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME Wednesday, 2023, May 31, 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Town Hall, Auditorium

Attendees: Jim O’Hearn, Ann Levesque, Karen Murdoch

1. Call to Order 6:11 pm
2. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approval of 4/26/22 Meeting Minutes Complete
3. Correspondence
 - a. Food Service Permit Fees – discussion from local businesses regarding the Temporary Food Service Fee which can easily cost more than a business generates at an event. Suggestion to eliminate or lower the fee, or have one fee for an entire year. The commission will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.
4. Old Business
 - a. Update on pharmacy – potential interested party, Jim will reach out to see if they are interested in help getting financing.
 - b. Shuttle bus advertising – since buses were purchased with funds from the State DOT, approval is needed before implementing advertising. Jim has sent a request for approval.
 - c. Business of the Month – Jim will consolidate the recommended criteria for BoM and write a posting for Facebook to seek nominations. Kim LaFleur will create a plaque to be given to each month’s winner.
 - d. EDC IDs – Ann will get badges made for all commission members to wear to events or when visiting businesses.
5. New Business
 - a. Dan Paresi has regrettably resigned his position of Land Use Director and will therefore no longer be a liaison to the EDC.
 - b. Local update – two ribbon cuttings were performed on May 31 at the Vintage Furniture Refinishing and the Disc Golf Pro Shop.
 - c. Business Directory – a link to the Business Directory will be placed at the home page of the Somers Town Website to be more accessible to users.
 - d. New EDC Members – email will be sent to local business owners via the addresses listed in the business directory to see if anyone is interested in joining the Commission.
6. Next Agenda
 - a. Add to New Business section
 - i. New Business Openings in the last month
 - ii. Local Business Issues
7. Adjournment 7:05 pm

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