

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101 LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

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Felicia O. Nagel
Town Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Theresa Avey
Commissioner Maria Pane
Commissioner Dana Havens (excused)
Commissioner Robert Rioux
Commissioner Mark Siems (excused)
Commissioner Clifford Stamm (absent)
Commissioner Fernando Rosa
Commissioner Jennifer Ancona
Commissioner David Marsden
Commissioner Jay Slater
Commissioner Jerilyn Nagel

Town Manager, Keith Chapman

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 5, 2020

Commissioner Pane made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections.
Commissioner Avey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VI. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Deanna Renny reviewed recent Chamber activities and upcoming events.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of "Newington Means Business" Brochure

Fore mostly, Town Manager Keith Chapman presented "Cards of Introduction" to the commissioners and then reviewed how he drove around town Monday; besides noting zoning issues he met with business owners and overall, did not receive any negative comments. Therefore, he encouraged this body to 'go out to your district assignments and use these cards to expand your individual responsibilities'. He added that the Berlin Turnpike is filling up, therefore, "look for alternatives".

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Avey reviewed her meeting with I.T. for any critical changes that might be needed for the forthcoming brochure and they said they are working on it; possibly including a map in the brochure.

Following enthusiastic applauding and congratulatory kudos to Commissioner Rosa for his Town Council award, Commissioner Rosa encouraged the commissioners to look at the listing on file of businesses in Newington and new businesses by sending them a welcoming note for choosing to have their business here in Newington and to be their liaison between the business world and their 'town hall affiliation'. Commissioner Rosa also encouraged members to join the Chamber of Commerce in order to support their events. To this Chairman Avey said there will be a grand opening of the new town hall which will bring in new visitors to highlight Newington's showpiece, and also letters can be sent out to business owners to welcome them to Newington! Chairman Avey also announced that Newington has a new map that will be passed out to members and can also be provided through I.T.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barbara Squillicote noted that the former Crest Pontiac and National Welding sites are available for development.

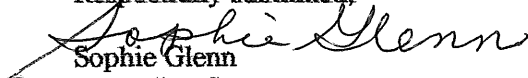
X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marsden noted that the Cedar Street property off of Route 9 going into East Cedar Street that the state may be developing 8 acres in this area.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Slater made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Pane. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Sophie Glenn
Recording Secretary