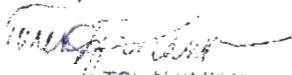


Town of Stafford
Economic Development Commission
May 21, 2024
Veterans Meeting Room
1 Main Street, Stafford, CT 06076

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TOWN CLERK

Members Present:

Anthony Armelin - Chairman

Theresa Cramer
Larry A. McKinney
Roger Wood
Christopher Paradiso

Members Not Present:

Larry Vaughn
John Wittenzeller
Christopher Joseph
Scott Nigro

Agenda:

1. Call the meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting
3. Discussion of potential new businesses to town/Ribbon Cuttings/recaps
 - a. TTM expansion
 - b. Cleaners
 - c. Mike's on Main
4. POCD discussion
 - a. List of available commercial/industrial space and property
 - b. Other EDC-related tasks
5. EDC Ordinance "Mission Statement"
6. New Business
7. Old Business
8. Adjournment

Call the meeting to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Tony Armelin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting

Larry McKinney motioned to approve the minutes, and Roger Wood seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion of potential new businesses to town/Ribbon Cuttings/Recaps

- Armelin noted that TTM Technologies is planning a significant expansion
- Armelin said the board is organizing a ribbon cutting for Dick's Sales & Service
- There was a discussion about the cause of a delay for Mike's on Main's opening.
- Lot's and More opened but was then closed due to permitting issues.
- Armelin said that there has been some discussion about bringing a dry cleaners to town, and that the Big Y plaza would be a good location.

Donald Passardi, a member of the audience, asked if there was anything the EDC could do to help the owners of the churches for sale in Staffordville, as a buyer fell through. He stated the owners are thinking about Quick Claiming the properties to the town.

Passardi also asked Cramer to explain the discussion from the last Board of Selectmen's meeting about buying the old Cumberland Farms. Cramer relayed that the town has considered using grant money to buy the property and turn it into parking due to extensive deed restrictions that make it impossible for many potential businesses to move in. Tracey Deleston, another member of the audience, wondered if there was a number that would make Cumberland Farms willing to walk away from the deed restrictions.

POCD discussion

A brief discussion was had about the POCD, but as the PZC has yet to schedule its informational session, not much could be done.

Old Business

Cramer relayed that Amber Wakley-Whaley is looking for participants in a focus group for the Witt School, which is scheduled for early June.

Adjournment

At 7:30 p.m. Wood motioned to adjourn, McKinney seconded, and the motion passed.

Thom Cramer
5/28/24

