ENFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2026 – 5:30 PM
ENFIELD TOWN HALL – THOMPSONVILLE ROOM
820 ENFIELD STREET - ENFIELD, CT

A. Call to Order

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

B. Roll Call

Present were Mary Ann Turner, Marilynn Cressotti, Linda DeGray, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall and Steven Ragnauth. Also present was Director of Economic and Community Development; Aaron Marcavitch and Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

C. Old Business

a. Development of a Restaurant Week

Chair Turner stated that she would like to create a timeframe to hold this year's Restaurant Week. The commissioners discussed advertising efforts. A Google Form will be created to allow restaurants to register beginning around July 1, 2026. Proposed dates for Restaurant Week were discussed and will likely be held during the last week of September. Commissioner Ragnauth asked about social media initiatives. Proposed timelines for roll-out were discussed. Mr. Marcavitch will work on creating the application before the next meeting.

b. Development of a Small Business Passport

Chair Tuner has made contact with a representative at Connecticut Conference of Municipalities who will work with the commission to create the passports. Commissioner Cressotti recommended contacting the Enfield Schools Graphic Arts Department. They will discuss a timeline at a future meeting.

c. Bylaw Revisions - meeting dates (Bylaws Section 3.7)

The ordinance governing this commission states that there must be thirteen voting members serving – nine regular members and four ex-officio liaisons. Chair Turner would prefer to keep the members at nine. She asked Mr. Marcavitch about the formal procedure to request that this be changed. A formal request must be presented to the Town Council. The commissioners reviewed Section 3.5 and agreed to the changes proposed by Mr. Marcavitch. They reviewed Section 3.8, which will change the meeting date from the third Thursday to a process where dates will be chosen by December 31 of the preceding year. The commissioners agreed to the change. Section 3.11 was discussed and Mr. Marcavitch recommended removing language related to authority. The commissioners agreed to remove it.

Motion to accept the changes to the bylaws made by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall; seconded by Commissioner Cressotti and approved unanimously by a 5-0-0 vote.

Ex-officio members are allowed to vote per the Town Clerk. Chair Turner recommended making the four additional members non-voting, making the four ex-officio inclusive of the nine, or otherwise get to a point of only nine regular members. Chair Turner indicated the concern about reaching quorum on a regular basis with more than nine members. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked for further clarification related to the role of the additional members. Mr. Marcavitch provided some clarification and agreed to draft clear language that could be forwarded to the Town Council for the next meeting.

Motion to send the recommendation to the Town Council to amend the ordinance in relation to the commission members made by Commissioner DeGray. *This motion was rescinded.*

D. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DeGray; seconded by Commissioner Turner and approved by a unanimous show-of-hands vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Prepared by: Rebecca Jones