

ENFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 5:30 PM

Enfield Room, Town Hall

Call to Order

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Roll Call

Chairman Turner took the roll and present were Commissioners, Mary Ann Turner, Richard Stroiney, Marilynn Cressotti, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall and Philip Kober. Absent was Steven Ragnauth, Kelly Davis, Virginia Higley

Also present was Kristine Koistinen, Community Development Specialist and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Special Guest

None.

Invite a Local Business Guest

None.

Report from Economic & Community Development

None.

Liaison Report

None.

Old Business

None

New Business-Year in Review

Ms. Koistinen shared a chart detailing updates from different ARPA fund recipients. Seven of the projects have been completed with the remaining projects in various stages of development. One Love Jamaican Restaurant did want to move forward with their approved project to purchase and install exterior signage due to additional costs and the funds remain with the Town. Chairperson Turner requested a walkthrough at Pierogi Queen and the Reptile Center.

Chairperson Turner discussed façade improvements and explored the possibility of a future project in which businesses that did not meet the qualifications of the ARPA grant can apply for funding for flooring and other infrastructure repairs. She also shared information from Pittsfield, MA about their small business programs. It is her hope that the future of this commission is project-based and will make an impact on the community.

Other

Commissioner Pfeiffer-Hall reached out to Chairperson Turner before the meeting on behalf of the Hazardville Institute Conservancy Society. The group applied for a CIF grant and were not selected but received good feedback and are applying for the next round of funding. The goal is to create a municipal parking area, which will be an improvement from zero parking spaces that are there currently. She is asking for a letter of support from the Economic Development Commission, to which the commissioners agreed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Kober; seconded by Commissioner Stroiney and approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary