

ENFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
LIVE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2024 – 5:30 PM
ENFIELD TOWN HALL – SCITICO ROOM
820 ENFIELD STREET - ENFIELD, CT

Call to Order

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call

Present were Mary Ann Turner, Linda DeGray, Marilyn Cressotti, Marie Pyznar, Stephen Ragnuth, Kelly Davis, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall and Richard Stroiney. Also present was Chair of Economic and Community Development; Aaron Marcavitch and Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

Approval of Minutes – November 2023

Motion to approve the November 2023 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Pyznar; seconded by Commissioner Stroiney and approved unanimously by a show-of-hands vote of 7-0-0.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall arrived at 5:34pm.

Report from Economic & Community Development Office

Chair Turner explained that the commission will not meet unless there is a reason. Mr. Marcavitch shared information about the Business Breakfast recently held at Asnuntuck. He talked about creating a newsletter highlighting local businesses. Commissioner Pzynar recommended making a welcome packet for new and prospective residents. She recommended joining forces with the Chamber of Commerce. Department heads will be meeting to discuss weekly and monthly activities and the best ways to relay this information to residents. The commissioners discussed the challenges of grants.

Commissioner Davis left the meeting at 5:42pm.

A teaser video was created for the Business Breakfast to continue to try to drum up interest in Enfield. The commissioners discussed meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Chair Turner shared information about Somers 'Business of the Month' program. Mr. Marcavitch discussed quarterly meetings with a highlight on local businesses.

Liaison Reports – TBD

Old Business

None.

New Business

The commissioners spoke about housing options for older residents and their desired amenities. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall expressed frustration over the design options provided by new businesses. Chair Turner shared information about 'All Aboard Thompsonville' meetings next week. Mr. Marcavitch shared information about the different sessions over both days. The commissioners continued to discuss the future of housing and Commissioner Ragnuth shared what younger adults are seeking in today's housing market. They discussed a survey released by the DOT about driving habits. Mr. Marcavitch shared ideas of improving the Hazardville area.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Prepared by: Rebecca Jones