

## **Minutes May 12, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Legislation. A roll call vote of Members present was taken. **Present:** Chairman Peter Barbieri, Glen Brown, Matt Coletti and Christine Carosella. David Thorn was absent. Also attending were Travis Ahern, John Drohan and Dave Menapace

1. **Budget/Staffing/Membership:** The Chair advised the budget had been approved by Town Meeting on the sum of \$50,000.00. The Chair advised that no applications for the director position were received. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that a request for proposals for companies to provide service would be drafted for the next meeting.

Dave Menapace and John Drohan were introduced to the Committee as prospective new members of the Committee.

2. **555 Hopping Brook Park Report.** Christine provided an update of her communication with the Planning Board, which did not request any further info from the Committee. It was agreed that the matter would not be included in future agenda's unless there is request for action.
3. **Industrial Park Discussion** No new information was provided on Industrial Tenants.
4. **Downtown Discussion.** It was noted that funding for the demolition of the building at 9 Green Street was approved by Town Meeting. It was also noted that the Farmers Market at Blair Square would begin in June and the Committee agreed to have a news report noted on the website.
5. **Website.** Glenn Brown reviewed with the Committee the proposed Business Directory Page for the website.
6. **Minutes.** No action as taken on any minutes.
7. **Zoning/Planning Applications.** No new commercial zoning/planning applications were received.

8. Member Reports. A request was made to include as part of the agenda for the next meeting an Economic Development Forum Discussion. The Chair noted that he was not seeking reappointment to the Committee. The Chair noted the need to complete the drafting of guidelines and letters for funding for the Business Grant Program which will be part of next month's agenda.

9. New Business. No new business.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Barbieri  
Chairman

Approved June 9, 2021