

-- Meeting of the Community and Economic Development Commission

July 12, 2017 7pm Chaplin Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Members present:

Irene Schein, Darcy Richard, Paul Siege and Peggy Mckleroy

Darcy appointed temporary secretary

Approval of Minutes

May 14th

Corrections: Irene's last name spelled incorrectly Schein
"Due to lack of budget restraints" add "at the Windham chamber of Commerce"

Discussed that only utilities can install shared solar.
Individuals home owners cannot in the State of Connecticut.

Peggy M. moved to approve the minutes,

Paul S. Second

Motion is passed to approve minutes of May 14th meeting

Additions/Changes to agenda

Irene Schein has set up an email address for the Commission:

econonmicdevelopment@chaplinct.org

Anyone who needs to contact commission should use this email address.

Business

There is an alternate vacancy position on the commission we would like fill.

Board asked to reach out to see if a person with passion for our mission who would like to come on board.,it is not necessary to be a Chaplin resident.

Group visit to Bozrah Farmers Market is planned for July 21st.

Peggy strongly feels we should might explore and consider this model for an event in Chaplin. Hopefully our Board can find out more

information on what makes it so successful. We will be looking for volunteers, not necessarily on this Board, to be on an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the event for the Spring. Business Outreach-members had lunch at the Bach Dor. Visited white house with red barn on on Rt. 6. Pine acres is for sale includes biz and building, cabins, and single family dwelling.

Darcy Richard was in contact with an owner of Ribbits, Gus and Ed Birkmanis. After her conversation it was clear they plan to reopen Ribbits by next year and run things the same way they have in the past. Irene determined from visit to Bach Dor and further information she gathered that owner of Bach Dor would not be worth contacting at this time.

Hops & Breweries

Irene stated there is a new law, if you are growing hops on your land you can brew and sell beer on your land. State has money to finance farms to grow hops.

Irene suggested an ad hoc committee of our Commission be formed to organize a hops growing workshop. Peggy is keen on hop growing and brewery idea and believes a workshop would be an avenue to create an interest locally. Peggy would like to see investors brewers, farmers contacted to attend the workshop. Irene agreed to talk with Bill Ireland about possibly himself or his son in law being interested in joining or spearheading an ad hoc committee

on this topic.

Senior Housing

Paul S. stated that "we do not need a source of low income elderly people in Chaplin." It was agreed we would revisit topic when everyone had a chance to read Virginia's report. Paul spoke of State, and Federal and USDA financing being available. Paul agreed to spearhead finding more information on senior housing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.