

Chaplin Community and Economic Development Commission
November 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Irene Schein at 6:32 PM
2. Present: I. Schein, L. Ricklin, J. Bizzarro, A. Chuk,
Absent: A. Lewis, V. Siege. Guests: Cindy Archibald, Amy Kalisher
3. L. Ricklin agreed to be recording secretary
4. A. Chuk, moved to approve the minutes of Oct. 9, seconded by J. Bizzarro.
Approved.
5. The Chair presented the dates for meetings in 2020: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11,
April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18 (meeting to
be held at Veterans' Base Camp), Dec. 9.
A. Chuk moved, J. Bizzarro seconded to approve the above dates. Approved.
6. I. Schein was nominated for Chair. Secretary cast one ballot to elect.
7. Reports:
 - A. L. Ricklin reported on the tree planting effort for the bicentennial. She and
Helen Weingart will meet with Dave Stone, tree warden, to draw up a plan.
 - B. Chair asked A. Chuk to contact Jessica at SustainableCT to come to our next
meeting to consult with her about meeting the categories for certification.
 - C. J. Bizzarro offered to check into the VISTA program for help.
 - D. L. Ricklin was asked to contact Wendy Cyr in Scotland to find out what they
did to achieve Silver certification in SustainableCT.
 - E. Cindy Archibald from the Veterans' Base Camp came to share information
about how the Camp can be a community resource. The Chair suggested that
Ribbits Restaurant might be a place for the Camp to use for their food service.
Cindy also asked about the town's participation in an upcoming bike run next
August, 2020.
 - F. The Chair will investigate the grants available from the Community
Foundation of Eastern CT in New London.
 - G. The Chair reported that A. Lewis followed up on the issue of a religious
prayer that was used at the Town's Senior Center Thanksgiving dinner last
year and that this should be nondenominational. This was reported to the First
Selectman and will be more secular in future.
 - H. The Chair reported that A. Lewis will follow up on collection boxes for
clothes.
 - I. The Chair asked J. Bizzarro to evaluate the town's transfer station's function
and efficiency and report at the next meeting.
 - J. Future planning: pairs of members were asked to visit businesses on Route 6
to talk with them about how the Commission can assist them. Amy Kalisher
commented that she'd like to see more art programs for children. Discussion
followed about how to communicate with members of the community more
effectively.
 - K. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Acting Recording Secretary