

Chaplin Community and Economic Development Commission
March 10, 2021
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32
2. Members present: I. Schein, L. Ricklin, A. Lewis, A. Chuk, A. Kalisher
Guests: T. Radicioni, C. Hammon
3. Additions to agenda: none
4. Audience for citizens: C. Hammon contributed to discussion on Arts and Culture below
5. Approval of minutes of Feb. 10, 2021: A. Chuk moved, A. Kalisher seconded to approve the minutes. So moved.
6. Arts and Culture initiative update: C. Hammon proposed that the Commission could hold a virtual arts display by asking local artists to video themselves and their work which could be put into a display to exhibit in Social Media. A. Kalisher suggested that the Commission could launch its own YouTube site. It was agreed by consensus to move forward in the planning of a virtual exhibit. I. Schein volunteered to host a GoToMeeting with A. Kalisher and C. Hammon to plan such an event and present their work at the next meeting.
7. Senior Housing update: I. Schein proposed that the Commission hold a roundtable discussion with seniors to discuss the many options for housing. She presented the idea of developing a Coop model where the residents would also be the owners. But there are other models that should be presented as well. Members expressed interest and support for such a discussion. She will put a notice in the Senior Center newsletter, on Google Groups, and on the Commission's face book page announcing this virtual meeting to discuss senior housing.
8. Plan for Conservation and Development: In this 10 year review of the town's planning by the Planning and Zoning Committee, the need to update the document regarding the Senior Center was noted. I. Schein will write new descriptions of spaces at the Senior Center to reflect a new heating system in the Community Room and to address the changing uses of the Center now that a new Director is in place.

Commercial Development: After hearing about the possibility of increasing commercialization on Route 6 east of Route 198, I. Schein moved, L. Ricklin seconded to discourage commercial development in this section of Route 6 as it would have an impact on the road safety and the rural quality of life in Chaplin. So moved.
9. Online brochure: No action
10. Pollinator Pathways initiative: I. Schein reported on the virtual meeting held between Mansfield, Windham, and Chaplin residents as well as members from such organizations as Joshua's Trust on March 3, 2021. Twenty people participated. The next meeting will be on March 24. A. Kalisher suggested that local artists could be invited into this project. A. Lewis suggested that a talk at the library would be good to let more people know what this project is about and why it is needed. The Senior Center is having a plant sale. L. Ricklin suggested that a library talk and the sale might coincide.

11. Bicentennial update: L. Ricklin reported that Lisa Keglur, Director of the Senior Center, attended the meeting on March 9 and showed interest in having the Center participate in events in 2022.
12. SustainableCT: T. Radicioni finished revising the Food, Tourism, and Farming maps of Chaplin and will forward these links for the Commission's review.
13. Next meeting: April 14, 2021 at 6:30.
14. Meeting Adjourned: 7:24

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, recorder