

Chaplin Economic And Community Development

August 11, 2021

Minutes

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM
2. Members present: I. Schein, A. Chuk, A. Lewis, L. Ricklin, A. Kalisher
3. No additions to the agenda
4. No audience for citizens
5. A. Lewis moved, A. Chuk seconded to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021. So moved.
6. Affordable housing update: Chair announced that the affordable housing plan needs to include senior housing due to Chaplin's demographics. She said that the First Selectman is appointing a committee to come up with a plan,
7. Recycling and waste reduction: Chair said that we should encourage these actions through education. One way to do this is by having a movie series focused on the environment and recycling. The question was raised of whether or not we can show movies like this at the Senior Center. The Chair said she would review the Senior Center ordinance to see. Other suggestions for showing a movie series were suggested: Firehouse and the Elementary School, and putting the links on the town website.
8. Review Economic and Community Development ordinance: Chair reminded members that this was based on a state statute and is vague. Part of the purpose of this commission is to do research in the community and make recommendations to the town.
9. Therefore, she suggested that, using the 2021 Chaplin Plan for Conservation and Development as our guide, we decided to follow the activities of 3 town standing committees by reading their minutes to better understand how they are complying with this planning document. The 3 committees are: Board of Selectmen, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Inland/Wetland/Conservation Commission.
10. Members volunteered to monitor committees:  
Board of Selectmen---A. Chuk and L. Ricklin  
Planning and Zoning Commission---I. Schein and A. Lewis  
Inland/Wetlands/Conservation Commission---I. Schein  
Members will report their findings at future meetings. Recommendations to the specific board/commission will be made by the Ec. and Comm. Dev. Comm.
11. A. Lewis suggested that we recruit a new member from the PZC who could help advise members.
12. A. Chuk asked about the future of our being part of SustainableCT. Chair responded that if there are going to be initiatives like a Farmers' Market or an Arts and Culture event, other people will be doing these. She reiterated that our role is to encourage, educate, and sponsor. But it still isn't clear how the 2021 POCD and the SustainableCt actions documents will overlap.
13. A. Chuk and L. Ricklin volunteered to write a letter to the BOS to remind them of our Walkability Study and to recommend that they take some action as they begin to plan their budget for 2022.
14. Meeting adjourned: 8:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Ricklin