

MINUTES...CHAPLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 9,2022, TOWN HALL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR AT 6:33 PM

\*MEMBERS PRESENT: I. SCHEIN, W.ROSE IV, L. RICKLIN, J. ROMAN III, CARL HYBURG

ALTERNATE ROSE WAS SEAT AS VOTING MEMBER

\*ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION BY CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES WHO WANT TO EXTEND THEIR OPERATIONS TO CHAPLIN, AND TO RENT THE FORMER KAWASAKI DEALER BUILDING ON ROUTE 6. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED BUSINESS BUT DOES NOT ALLOW LABORATORIES AS A PERMITTED USE, THEREFORE THEY ARE REQUESTING THE PZC CHANGE THE REGULATION TO ALLOW LABORATORIES WITH A SPECIAL PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS.

IF APPROVED BY PZC, THEY WILL EMPLOY ABOUT THIRTY UNSKILLED WORKERS, AS WELL AS ADD TO CHAPLIN'S GRAND LIST WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT.

2. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE AGENDAS INCLUDE BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, TO COVER A VARIETY OF TOPICS, AND TO ORGANIZE ITEMS UNDER "OLD BUSINESS" AND "NEW BUSINESS".

\*AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS...NONE PRESENT

\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022: ROSE MOVED; RAMON SECONDED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES. SO, MOVED.

\*RECRUITMENT LETTER AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: NOT YET, SOON TO GO OUT.

VACANCIES: TWO REGULAR MEMBERS AND TWO ALTERNATES

\*CHAIR PROVIDED MEMBERS WITH 2021 EDITION OF PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT AND ASKED THAT THEY FAMILAIRIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE DOCUMENT AS THE VISION AND STRATEGIES WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR WORK.

\*AFFORDABLE HOUSING/SENIOR HOUSING UPDATE: THE CHAIR LED A DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR SUCH HOUSING WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ROUTE 6 LOCATIONS.

ROMAN WILL CONTACT STATE SENATOR CHAMPAGNE REGARDING 50 ACRES DEEP OWNS ALONG ROUTE 6 WHICH MIGHT BE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION AT A GOOD LOCATION FOR SUCH HOUSING. IT WAS STATED THAT IDENTIFYING A LOCATION IS NECESSARY BEFORE FUNDING CAN BE ATTAINED.

\*PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS: THE PROPOSED GAS STATION ALONG ROUTE 6 NEAR RIBBETS RESTAURANT APPEARS TO BE ON TRACT TO BE APPROVED AS THEY HAVE FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS

\*BUSINESS NEWS: C. HYBURG OFFERED TO RESEARCH BREWERY POSSIBILITIES ALONG ROUTE 6. HE ALSO SAID THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS IS SUFFERING SEVERLY RIGHT NOW.

\*SIGNAGE UPDATE: NONE

\*BICENTENNIAL UPDATE: L. RICKLIN RELATED THAT MANY PROJECTS ARE WELL UNDERWAY.

\*REVIEW STRATEGIES IN POCD WHICH PERTAIN TO OUR COMMISSION. WE WILL DO THIS NEXT TIME AFTER ALL HAVE REVIEWED DOCUMENT.

\*SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH: DISCUSS "BLUE EARTH "COMPOST BUSINESS. C. HYBURG WILL REPORT.

\*NEXT MEETING: APRIL 13, 2022, AT 6:30 PM, TOWN HALL

ADJOURNED: 7:45 PM

SUBMITTED BY

LESLIE RICKLIN,

TEMPORARY RECORDING SECRETARY