

Minutes Chaplin Economic and Community Development Wed. Oct,14,2020
(Draft)

Chair: Irene Schein called the Zoom meeting #8276655883 to order at 6:35pm

Present Schein, Ricklin, Kalisher, Chuk, Lewis, Siege, Also, in attendance was Torin, Rep from Sustainable Ct., as well as Rusty Lanzit, guest. Absent were alternates, Walmsley and Bill Rose.

Virginia Siege took minutes.

The Minutes from the September 9th meeting were voted on and passed with a motion from Chuk and a second from Ricklin.

Changes to Agenda include adding: Audience for Citizens and Update on Poet in Residence and Town Historian. The update on choosing the representatives to fill these positions will be discussed at the Next meeting Nov. 18th. According to Rocklin, the Board of Selectmen which will need to be appointed by the First Selectman make the appointments.

Reports:

Senior Housing: It was noted the Pine Acres property will be going up for auction next month. It does not appear that the Town has funding to purchase the property currently which had been targeted for Senior Housing. Irene will pursue the Grant from the State for 15k to see if it can be used for plans for "Affordable" Senior Housing. NECCOG was the next step to help lead the way to create plans for the Grant. Irene will continue researching future ideas for the much-needed senior housing.

Plan of Conservation and Development: Irene reported PZC is hiring NECOG to update the plan. The major suggested change is replacing the concept of nodal to corridor development due to many shallow business zoned lots in the nodes.

Annual Report. Irene presented a draft Annual Report for 2019-2020. which included remarks on accomplishments of the Commission, and included

the Mission Statement, collaboration with Sustainable Ct, a Walkability study, the Arts and Cultural Survey, and dissemination information on reducing and recycling waste, mapping Town assets, i.e. inventory of businesses, farms and tourist locations; well as discuss ideas for community building events.,The updated Annual Report is attached to these minutes

Natchaug Watershed Guideline Zoom Meeting: Attended by Ann Chuk who noted that it was useful to see the checklist that is used in Woodstock and Mansfield when building in the environment and the guidelines that are used.

Cultural Future Survey Plan: Leslie motioned and Ann second the motion to approve the Arts and Culture interest survey that is created and will be disseminated through Survey Monkey. The first question to help identify the respondent will be” Do you Live in Chaplin?.” Kalisher will post the survey to Survey Monkey but additional social media to be used will be discussed at the next meeting.

Sustainable Ct Update: Torin reports there is progress in points being made including for the new logo. Other points will be available for the Arboretum and Walkability study.

Bicentennial and Arboretum update; Ricklin continues to meet regularly with the Committee. There is a list of 27 activities including long- and short-term items and events. For the “Planting of the 22 Trees” event, there will be an arial photo with participants present and will be held on Sat., 10/24/2020 at 9am at the Garrison Pavillon. Ricklin and her committee were overwhelmed with the generous response to fund the trees from the public.

Next meeting will be held by zoom on Nov 18, 2020 at 6 :30pm

Irene adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Siege, temporary secretary

