

CHAPLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: \*AMENDED\*  
MINUTES JANUARY 13,2021 VIA Zoom

Chair Schein called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Members present: Schein, Ricklin, Siege, Lewis, Kalisher, and Torin from Sustainable CT.

Schein temporary secretary

Minutes of December 9,2020 approved by all, Moved by Siege and second by Ricklin.

No audience present.

Ricklin added a discussion of a movement to promote Pollinator Pathways and informed us that Ginny Walton is familiar with this initiative and Schein will contact her to learn more about making this happen in Chaplin. Basically working with residents to use native species when planting.

To move ahead with Arts and Cultural activities we will work up an agenda and set up a virtual meeting with survey respondents.

Discussion regarding reaching out to businesses with a plan to periodically highlight their operation in our media outreach.

Discussion of our role in Town signage. Schein had a discussion with the First Selectmen, Rose, who informed her of the Town receiving a grant to install a LED illuminated sign at the Firehouse to improve communication with our citizens. Torin will research if Chaplin can receive points under the Innovation category.

Rose will also work on signage along State road welcoming people to Town which involves State approval.

Ricklin reported the Bicentennial Committee activities are ramping up and chores are being doled out, i.e. getting a banner, house and garden tours, hikes and talks at the Library.

We voted unanimously to approve, Kalisher moved, Ricklin second, a budget bottom line the same as last year of \$530, but we changed some line item amounts.

Brochure and Business Outreach-\$190, Mileage. \$0, Postage-\$60, Printing \$100, Workshops-\$180

Meeting adjourned

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**Ricklin added discussing Town's Plan of Conservation and Development to our agenda. She suggested members read sections related to our Commission's mission and consider some actions, particularly regarding signage. This topic will be added to future agendas for further discussion.**

**Senior housing options discussed a bit, not much movement on this matter. Watching for funding to b**

**Commission set meeting dates for next year, 2021.**

**Jan.13, Feb.10, Mar.10, Aprro periodically highlighting nthwir operation on out media outreach. By.14,May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8,October 13, November 10,December 8.**

**Members agreed for Schein to continue as Chair.**

**Discussion of Cultural Survey and how we will proceed ensued. It was agreed that the Commission will contact people whose responses we can see under free Survey Monkey option,( forty out of the sixty two responses) who left contact information. Kalisher, Siege and Chuk will follow up to engage these respondents before the Commission reaches out again to the larger community.**

**Kalisher shared some results so far indicating arts and craft classes high on the list, with exhibits and performances also having a high percentage.**

**Ricklin said the Bicentennial Committee will meet again in January to work on their calendar of events and publicity.**

**The Arboretum Committee of Ricklin, Stone, Weingart,Rose will meet in January to discuss the budget for Stage 2.**

**Next meeting is December 9,2020,6:30 via Zoom.**

**Adjournment at 7:39pm**