

Chaplin Economic and Community Development Commission
Special Hybrid Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair, Irene Schein, at 6:40 PM
2. Members present: I Schein, L. Ricklin, A. Chuk, V. Siege, A. Kalisher. Guests: Torin Radicioni and Zoe Duffield from SustainableCT.
3. Temporary recorder: L. Ricklin
4. Minutes approved for March 11, 2020. L. Ricklin moved to approve, A. Chuk seconded.
5. Membership for the Commission: I. Schein will check if we still need an alternate
6. Racism...strategy to address. The Chair said we need to learn more. T. Radicioni said that SustainableCT will be running virtual Equity Workshops on July 8, 15, and 22 for local communities. Torin will send the information to the Chair to disseminate. A. Kalisher commented that the town pot luck dinner aimed at addressing equity, but was canceled, is still something the Commission wants to do. I. Schein, who is also on the Senior Ctr. Board, commented that she and the 1st Selectman Bill Rose met with the Board about increasing a welcome in the 50-70 age group. The Senior Center is underserving this population.
7. Bicentennial update: L. Ricklin reported that Bill Rose will soon send out an announcement about the new town logo. A position for a Town Historian was approved. The Committee will begin a search for someone to fill this unpaid position whose name will then be forwarded to the BOS for approval.
8. Arboretum update: L. Ricklin reported that a flyer, designed by Amy Kalisher, will be included in the tax bills. This will give information about where the arboretum will be located, how people can donate and volunteer to assist in building the arboretum.
9. The Chair reminded everyone that this was a SustainableCT meeting. Torin announced that Zoe Duffield would be our intern for the summer. When asked about our chances for completing our application by Aug. 25, he said that there is much more work to do.

A. Chuk reported on the recent AARP Walk Audit that she and L. Ricklin conducted. Reports of this audit have been posted on Chaplin's SustainableCT site and sent to the Board of Selectmen. L. Ricklin said she would go to the next BOS meeting to follow up on the report's recommendations.

10. Discuss and act on reviewing and approving assets maps and yearly review and update procedure: Members had not seen these maps previously done by a SustainableCT intern so Torin said he'd copy and forward them to I. Schein to disseminate to members for comment/approval. These maps show Chaplin's Farms, Food, and Tourism assets.
11. Brochure update: A. Chuk and I. Schein will get together about the content for a brochure and A. Chuk will prepare a draft for a future meeting.
12. Senior Housing update: I. Schein reported that Bill Rose is applying for a \$15,000 "Affordable Housing Technical Assistance Grant" to study this.
13. Next meeting will be July 8, 2020 at 6:30
14. The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:15

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Temporary Recorder