

Minutes: CHAPLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

July 8th, 2020, Zoom meeting

Chair Schein called meeting to order at 6:34pm. Schein taking minutes.

Members present: Schein, Ricklin, Chuk, Siege, Lewis, Kalisher.

Also present from Sustainable Connecticut Torin and Zoe.

Additions to agenda: bike trail along Rt.198, clear trail at GARRISON open space property off So. Bear, eliminating Columbus day.

Minutes of June 10, 2020 approved by all except Lewis, abstained as absent.

Ricklin gave update on BICENTENNIAL. Committee met in June with a focus on planning activities, next year they will create a calendar of events.

Ricklin gave update on Arboretum: funding platform just went live and some contributions are coming in.

Review asset maps...not everyone saw them so Torin redistributed them and we will review them and vote at next meeting.

Walkability study report, with Ricklin and Chuk, was presented to Board of Selectmen.

Extensive discussion on how to move forward with Arts and Cultural center.

Many felt we need a buy in from artists and businesses to be successful.

Several expressed the need to reach out to artists for interest, input and support. Also, to reach out to all citizens to discover activities they would like to see in Town.

Discussion ensued about best ways to reach people, and to conduct some type of survey, and members would brainstorm ideas for survey questions.

Senior Housing on hold. Schein will research if any new funding is available.

No action yet on paint and fiber collection in Town. Rene

Schein and Ricklin will check out GARRISON open space land.

Schein will research what other Towns and the State are doing regarding Columbus day.

Schein will speak with First Selectman about bike trail.

Next meeting August 12, 2020, Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

