

MINUTES: CHAPLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday September 9, 2020

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

Members Present, Schein, Ricklin, Siege, Kalisher. Absent were Chuk and Lewis, Walmsley, Rose.

Also present was Torin, Rep. from Sustainable Connecticut

Virginia Siege took minutes

No additions or changes to agenda

No guests present

Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2020: Siege motioned to approved minutes and Ricklin seconded the motion and with no discussion the motion was carried. (August meeting was previously cancelled)

Bicentennial Update: Ricklin announced that the Committee will meet on Sept. 29 and start plans to develop a calendar of events.

Arboretum update: Ricklin announced with the help of Helen Weingart and with the success of raising funds through Patronicity close to the amount of \$7,500, trees will be planted on Saturday 10/24 at 8am with a short informal ceremony and with a rain date of Sunday 10/25. There will be limited attendance because of the Covid virus and necessary social distancing. Torin noted there is a potential for points related to this action for Sustainable Ct and he will follow up on the next step to proceed for points

Asset Maps. Leslie moved to approve the asset maps proposed at the previous meeting after the committee review. Virginia seconded the motion and with no discussion the motion was carried with 3 votes to approve and with one abstain. Going forward, the committee will approve and review maps yearly, this motion for approval was proposed by Ricklin and seconded by Amy and with no further discussion the motion was passed.

Brochure Update: none at this time

Senior Housing Update: Schein announced the State of Ct granted the Town \$15,000., which will be used to create a document for a formal affordable housing plan for Chaplin. Hopefully we can extend our work to make an attractive plan for affordable senior housing to present when searching for funding. Bill Rose had been helping with the application process.

Cultural Survey: Amy will review the survey for changes, taking into consideration of the Covid issues and at the next meeting the document will be voted on. Amy will have a link for the facebook group and further discussion will be revisited at the October meeting.

Old Business: Ricklin announced there is a formal Poet in Residence and Historian position are available at this time and that the Selectman will be responsible for appointing these two positions.

The next meeting will be Wed. October 14 at 6 30 by zoom

Schein adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted Virginia Siege