WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
February 13, 2020
Planning Conference Room
5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman - Kevin Marcks, Edward Lusher, Richard LaCombe,
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivan Kuvalanka, Stephanie Hughes,
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Eric Palmer
STAFF PRESENT: Abby Piersall, AICP, Planning Director, Mark Wujtewicz, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES
   A quorum was established. K. Marcks called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. E. Palmer was appointed to sit for I. Kuvalanka

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 12, 2019 Meeting
   MOTION: Motion made by E. Lusher, seconded by R. LaCombe to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting with the following correction:
   - Review mission & Vision for edits and finalize a vote by EDC members
     K. Marcks distributed the draft of the EDC Mission statement and Vision Plan for the members review. He solicited members for their input. K. Marcks explained the purpose of the Mission Statement. R. LaCombe distributed a modified version for the member’s consideration. After much discussion it decided to move with a vote to accept the Mission Statement as modified by R. LaCombe.

   VOTE: 4-0

3. COMMISSION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES:
   a. Active Economic Development and Policy Advancements:
      - Updated email addresses for Data Base
        Nothing new to report on the updated email addresses.

      R. LaCombe will provide the business database to First Selectman Rob Brule with a copy to K. Marcks.

   Business/Government Relations, Operations and Personnel

   - WEDC Membership
     M. Wujtewicz distributed business cards to the members

   - Review formatted Mission and Vision Statement
     The Mission Statement was accepted by the Commission. A. Piersall noted that the language of the Mission Statement was included in the EDC Budget documentation.

   - Determine new direction based on SeCTer meeting
     Abby Piersall noted that the initial meeting for the reviewed of the POCID has not been set yet. Once the funds for the POCID Update has been approved, an initial project meeting will be scheduled to include the EDC.

   - January 9th meeting of Land Use
     R. LaCombe, E. Lusher and E. Palmer attended the January 9 workshop of Land Use Boards and Agencies. A discussion took place outlining the issues that were discussed at the workshop and the role of EDC in the Land Use development and permitting process.
2020 EDC Calendar
K. Mareks informed the Commission that he has had meetings with Nancy Cowser, Director of SeCTer regarding setting up business meetings for Waterford with speakers and related topics. Some potential topics that were discussed: Marketing “Boot Camp”, Labor and Management Relations in ascertaining new help, Naval Maritime Consortium. It was agreed that the members would submit other ideas for topics at the next EDC meeting. K. Mareks suggested that the EDC join the Consortium.

MOTION: Motion made by K. Mareks, seconded by E. Lusher to proceed in including the EDC in the Naval Maritime Consortium through SeCTer.

VOTE: 4-0

The Commission discussed issues related to welcoming new businesses into Town.

4. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PERMITTING STATUS
M. Wujtewicz reviewed ongoing development projects with the Commission.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE – None

OTHER BUSINESS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by E. Palmer, seconded by E. Lusher to adjourn at 6:10 PM.

VOTE 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Wujtewicz
Planner