

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2022 – 7 P.M .
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, David Prendergast, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: David Prendergast, Carol Conklin {signed off at 7:50}, Sandra Roberts, Judy Ganswindt, Nick Prevost, Elizabeth Swenson, Kacie Costello Hand,

Members absent: David Cole, Susan Quish

Staff: Julie Nordberg, Recording Clerk

- III. **PUBLIC QUESTION & COMMENT** – Ad Hoc member Chris Cryder representing Old Saybrook trail system discussed the States plan to harvest the forest over time. Recommendations to keep it in its natural state as much as possible and to have input as Town and State own the land.

MOTION to have the report from the G.E.I. made available to review and support holding a public hearing on the contents of the report **MADE** by N. Prevost **SECONDED** by K. Hand; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** D. Prendergast, C. Conklin, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, K. Hand **ABSTAINING:** None **OPPOSED:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0

IV. GUESTS – Erica Cosenza

V. STAFF REPORT - none

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2022

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2022; **MADE** by D. Prendergast **SECONDED** by E. Swenson ; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** : D. Prendergast, C. Conklin, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, K. Hand **ABSTAINING:** None **OPPOSED:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0

- B. Correspondence & Announcements : David Cole resigned from the commission

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers

MOTION to approve to continue with the present commission: D. Prendergast, Chair- C. Conklin, Vice Chair- S. Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer **MADE** by E. Swenson **SECONDED** J. Ganswindt ; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** : D. Prendergast, C. Conklin, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, K. Hand **ABSTAINING:** None **OPPOSED:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0

B. Budget Update- none

VIII. ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

A. Business Recognition: N. Prevost presented Art Emporium, Penny Lane, Pasta Vita, Cordial Shoppe and Saybrook Home as to be awarded Excellence in Business 2020-2021.

MOTION MADE by N. Prevost to acknowledge above businesses as Excellence in business **SECONDED** by J. Ganswindt **VOTING IN FAVOR:** D. Prendergast, C. Conklin, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, K. Hand **ABSTAINING:** None **OPPOSED:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0

B. ARPA- K. Hand is in the process of meeting with family services and different agencies to discuss needs of the community i.e.: seniors, mental health services, related covid and health issues and to assess government funding available.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Economic Development Director Transition Update-** D. Prendergast discussed the new position opening for Economic Director, which has been posted in the town and is now public. It is a 25 hour a week position and looking into any forms of posting.

X. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR-** David Prendergast will be requesting from Selectmen's office clerical help in posting the agendas and welcomes the commission any issues to be put on the agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. until the next regularly scheduled hybrid meeting of the Economic Development Commission on April 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Town Hall, 302 Main Street, second floor conference room; **MADE** by N. Prevost ; **SECONDED** by J. Ganswindt; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** : D. Prendergast, C. Conklin, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, K. Hand **ABSTAINING:** None **OPPOSED:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Nordberg,
Recording Clerk