



## TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK Economic Development Commission

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David Cole  
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Elizabeth Swenson  
Barbara Labriola, Alternate  
Vacant, Alternate

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

#### HYBRID MEETING

Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 7 P.M.  
Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The chair, David Prendergast, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Members present: David Prendergast, Sandra Roberts (arrived at 7:10 P.M.), Judy Ganswindt, Nick Prevost, Elizabeth Swenson, Barbara Labriola

Members absent: Carol Conklin, David Cole

Staff: Susan Beckman, Economic Development Director; Meryl Moskowitz, Recording Clerk

#### III. PUBLIC QUESTION & COMMENT

#### IV. GUESTS – Susan Esty, Old Saybrook Lion's Club

Susan Esty, representing the Old Saybrook Lions Club, informed the Commission of their work and outreach, and highlighted a new fund raiser called Flocking Flamingos. The organization is fundraising with the aim of updating the gazebo on the Town green, which is in need of repair.

#### V. STAFF REPORT

S. Beckman distributed the monthly staff report, and highlighted the funds the Town will receive from the American Rescue Plan. She asked members to review the proposals and project ideas in the staff report and discuss at the next meeting which projects to propose to the Board of Selectmen.

#### VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

##### A. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2021

**MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2021; **MADE** by B. Labriola; **SECONDED** by N. Prevost; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** D. Prendergast, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, B. Labriola; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINING:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

## B. Correspondence & Announcements

S. Beckman reported that a thank you note was received from the Old Saybrook Historical Society for the Commission's support of the bike tour video production. Also, a plaque was received from UCONN's environmental corps program in acknowledgment of the Commission's involvement with undergraduates in brownfield research.

E. Swenson brought to the Commission's attention a photo of an Old Saybrook Business District sign that is obscured by overgrowth. There was a discussion about who owns the property. She asked members to look around town and see where signs may be needed. S. Beckman will look into what's needed to get landscaping at the 'Welcome to Old Saybrook' signs and will report back.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Sponsorship Policy: review & vote to pass to BOS for adoption

Members discussed the sponsorship policy. N. Prevost suggested including in the document sponsorship of landscaping beneath Town signs. S. Beckman will ask Parks & Recreation to review the draft policy. Discussion to continue to the next meeting.

## VIII. ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

### A. Affordable Housing Taskforce update – Elizabeth Swenson No report.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### A. American Rescue Plan Fund Proposal Ideas – discussed under section V. Staff Report

## X. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

D. Prendergast expressed how good it was to see everyone in person once again. It was determined that the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. until the next regularly scheduled hybrid meeting of the Economic Development Commission, which is scheduled for July 8, 2021 at 7:00pm, Town Hall, 302 Main Street, second floor conference room; **MADE** by N. Prevost; **SECONDED** by J. Ganswindt; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** D. Prendergast, S. Roberts, J. Ganswindt, N. Prevost, E. Swenson, B. Labriola; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINING:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Meryl Moskowitz, Recording Clerk  
Recording Clerk