



Minutes
May 3rd 2023

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ 5:42pm**
 - a. Commissioners: Matthew Longino, Nishant Sahoo, Jason Rusk, Cameron James, Margaret Hirsch
 - b. Liaisons: None
 - c. Staff: Cierra Patrick
 - d. Presenter/Guest: None
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve minutes of April 5th 2023
 - i. Motion made by Nishant Sahoo
 - ii. Seconded by Jason Rusk
 - iii. Decision: 4-0-1 (Matthew Longino abstained due to his absence on April 3rd)
- IV. Public Comments ~ 3 minutes per person: None**
- V. New Business:**
- VI. Old Business:**
 - a. Business Outreach & Ribbon Cutting/ Open House
 - i. Commissioners are working to schedule ribbon cuttings for Alpha, Supreme Hotdog, Two Sister's Shipping, and Ally on the Thames
 - ii. Bludot Platform: Staff will assign task to commissioners, once assigned task are completed new assignments will be made.
 - b. Business Promotion for Groton City Brew Run on September 9th 2023
 - i. Commissioners were asked to come up with ideas to get City businesses promoted at the Brew Run.
 - ii. Brainstorming resulted in: business coupons, map of businesses, food/drink tickets, enhance business promotion with addition signage to get participates to stop, balloons on brick and mortar facades, ask businesses to participate/ volunteers/ sponsor the Brew Run
 - iii. Staff will invite Dan Bouges from Groton Utilities and Bruce Flax from Mystic Chamber to one of our meetings to discuss ideas/opportunities.
 - c. EDC Bylaws
 - i. Tabled until the next meeting. Staff will resend current by-laws
 - d. Staff Report:
 - i. Economic Development Grant Programs:
 1. Jan 1, 2024 goal to amend the grant program and make some adjustments. Commission will discuss potential amendments and adjustments at the next meeting. Staff will resend the current grant program policy & procedures.
 - ii. Upcoming Presentations/Workshops/Meetings:



- May 8th @ 6:00pm Committee of the Whole Presentation ~ ARPA Small Business Grant Program w/ The Women's Business Development Council
 - May 9th @ 7:00pm Alternative Landscapes the Benefit Water Quality
 - May 16th @ 6:30pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
 - May 22nd @ 9:00am Youth Climate Action Listening Forum
 - May 22nd @ 6:30pm Committee of the Whole Presentation ~ Planning & Economic Development POCD & Project Update
 - May 23rd @ 5:00pm Planning & Economic Development Open House
 - May 24th @ 5:30pm CT Environmental Justice Forum
- iii. Project Status Updates:
1. Community Resilience Plan:
 - a. Recommendations are still under staff and leadership review
 - b. Recommendation 4.1.1: Conduct a Stormwater Runoff Study of the Five Corners Neighborhood was identified as a collaborative project with the Nature Conservancy. Staff is supporting a Long Island Sound Futures Fund Proposal to fund this study.
 2. Greater Groton Community Engagement Platform
 - a. Commissioners were asked to register on the platform and familiarize themselves with the tools.
 - b. [Greater Groton](#)
- iv. Tax Increment Financing ~ None
- v. Report on Projects in the City ~ None
- vi. Communications ~ None

VII. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Bridge Street Gateway Tactical Urbanism Planning & Demonstration
 - i. Commission shares this is a good time to have this discussion given the recent traffic pattern changes to the I-95 on ramp. Staff noted that plans and data collected during the late summer/ early fall demonstration would inform various projects and improvements under consideration with the City of Groton and Groton Utilities. Commission discussed the potential location of bike lanes weather bike lanes should travel with traffic or if a two-way bike lane would be suitable.

VIII. Adjournment

Nishant Sahoo moved to adjourn meeting
Cameron James seconded
Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm

Submitted by: Matthew Longino & Cierra Patrick