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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 5, 2020

5:30PM - 7:00PM

Agenda:

I. Call to Order @ 5:30pm

Present: Jason Rusk (Chairman), Cheryl Auerbach, Margaret Hirsch, Nishant Sahoo, Paul Norris, and Jamal Beckford

II. Minutes Approval

- a) July 1, 2020
- b) July 15, 2020

Motion to accept the minutes of July 1st and 15th, 2020

Motion: Nishant Sahoo

Second: Cheryl Auerbach

Decision: 5-0

III. Old Business

a) Business Outreach/ Video Series

- Action items from last meeting: Jason confirmed that #CityofGrotonPride is an existing hashtag to use in association with project. Project boundaries were identified to start with Bridge Street and North Street. Tina updated to the business list. Staff created project flyer/ handouts.
- Chair and staff will adjust timeline for business outreach and schedule.
- Goal to have pilot videos completed for September meeting.

b) Staff Report:

- Strengthen and Enhance Thames Street & Five Corners: Upcoming projects include a City of Groton Parking Management Study led by the Southeastern Councils of Governments as well as a Riverwalk Study along Thames Street with the Coastal Guard Academy.
- Community Engagement: Staff will build the video series with clips on City projects and general information/profile of the local economy. Staff is researching online engagement tools to assist with engagement during Covid-19.
- Enhance Pedestrian/ Bicycle Transportation: Staff is coordinating a complete streets study along North and Mitchell Street with a potential tactical urbanism pilot incorporating for a dedicated multi-use path connecting Gold Star Memorial Bridge pedestrian path to Five Corners. Staff will utilize TRIP Year 3 funding for planning and Year 4 for implementation.
- Community Resiliency Plan: Staff is working with Selection Committee.

IV. Public Comments

- a) Igor Boris expressed willingness to support economic development in the City.

V. Adjournment @ 6:07pm

- a) Cheryl Auerbach motioned to adjourn meeting
- b) Nishant Sahoo second
- c) Decision 5-0

Submitted by Cierra Patrick