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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 7, 2019

5:30PM - 7:00PM

The EDC meeting held August 7, 2019 was not called to order due to commission member attendance resulting in no quorum.

Present: Cheryl Auerbach (Chairman) & Shelby Carlson
Liaison: Jamal Beckford
Staff: Cierra Patrick & Dennis Goderre

General Discussion Covered:

- Thames River Innovation Place (TRIP), Executive Director Liz Pasqualini, provided an overview of the organizations objective and mission to build prosperity in our region through innovation, collaboration, and diverse partnerships. TRIP will be undergoing a strategy sessions to prepare for Year 3 & 4 project proposals to be presented and potentially funded by CT Next.
- The City of Groton has taken a more active role in fostering an innovative culture and encouraging collaboration. Cierra Patrick now serves as Vice Chair on TRIPS Board of Directors. The City's partnership with TRIP begins to move the needle forward in the City's Economic Development Strategy to grow the supply chain for existing and emerging sectors while also lowering hurdles for entrepreneurs and startup companies.
- Dennis Goderre, provided the commission with an update on the TIF hearing being held on September 3rd, 2019.

- Cierra Patrick provided the commission with an update on the Welcome to the City initiative. Commission members are to review the initiative draft that will be distributed to stakeholders.
- Four community members showed interest in joining the Commission and provided feedback on infrastructure improvements specific to pedestrian and bike paths, community events/ engagement, and telling the City's story.

Submitted by Cierra Patrick