



Minutes  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call ~ 5:30pm**  
**No Quorum**
  - Commissioners: Matthew Longino, Nishant Sahoo
  - Liaisons: None
  - Staff: Cierra Patrick
  - Presenter/ Guest: None
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Date: October 5<sup>th</sup> 2022
    - i. Unable to vote due to no quorum, moved to next meeting.
- IV. **Public Comments ~ 3 minutes per person: None**
- V. **New Business:**
  - a. Parking on Thames by Danielle's, Firearms, Tattoo parlor has been an ongoing issues with EB employees. Previous attempts in years past at finding a resolution have been unsuccessful. A meeting is going to be held with the new staff at City of Groton and stakeholders, such as business and property owners. Commissioner Matthew Longino is a stakeholder.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. Business Outreach
    - i. Nishant brought up and we discussed a commissioners plan to meet with one business per month and confirm contact info in Bludot Platform along with needs/wants assessments and discuss the grant program.
      1. Request feedback and what challenge they have encounter;
      2. Discuss the business spotlights;
      3. Promote Small Business Saturdays.
    - ii. EDC Representation at City Events with a table to talk about what we do and what we can help with.
    - iii. Nishant asked non-attending Commissioners watch this meeting.
  - b. EDC Sub-Committees/ Working Groups
    - i. No new info on groups
  - c. Staff Report:
    - i. Economic Development Grant Program
      - Oct 24 COW: The EDC / Fox application was well received and thanked Mr Fox, Council will vote on this on Monday Nov. 7.



- Discussion about adjusting requirements to include applicant contribution to the project is tabled until spring 2023.
- Discussion regarding other towns grant budgets being larger and working on larger projects.
- ii. Project Update
  - Dept. Heads action plans on Visioning Thames Street and Community Resilience Plans are being reviewed. Funding and support needs are being assessed to put together a portfolio to go apply for state and federal funding opportunities.
- iii. Upcoming Presentations/ Workshop
  - PZ is in process of updating regulations, Stay tune for Zoning workshops during the PZC meetings that will dive deeper into specific topics such as commercial and residential development, parking, signage, and others.
  - The 1st workshop (December 20<sup>th</sup>) will cover the MUDD designation
  - The EDC's regular meetings for 2023 will continue to be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month, from 5:30-7:00pm, per usual. Staff is working on potential meeting room/ smart board conflicts with other commissions.
- iv. Communications
  - Commissioner discussed a recent Groton Utilities email sent out to customers. The email contained a number of program opportunities for businesses and residents. Such as, free audits and rebate programs. EDC recommends working with GU to add this information to the newsletter.

**VII. Additions to Agenda**

**VIII. Public Comments**

**IX. Adjournment ~ 6:24pm**

Submitted by: Matthew Longino & Cierra Patrick