



Minutes
December 1, 2021

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
 - a. Commissioners: Cheryl Auerbach, Annemarie Seifert, Nishant Sahoo, Margaret Hirsch, Matthew Longino
 - b. Staff: Cierra Patrick and Leslie Creane
 - c. Liaison: Tina Daniels
 - d. Presenter/Guest: Anna Orlando
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. All
 - i. Motion to accept the minutes of August 4, 2021, September 1, 2021, and October 6, 2021.
 - ii. Motion: Nishant Sahoo
 - iii. Second: Cheryl Auerbach
 - iv. Decision: 5-0-0 : For-Cheryl Auerbach, Nishant Sahoo, Annemarie Seifert, Margaret Hirsch, Matthew Longino; Against-None; Abstained-None
- IV. New Business**
- V. Old Business**
 - a. EDC Working Groups
 - i. Coastal Vulnerability
 - ii. Pedestrian & Bicycle Network Assessment – Next meeting December 15th
 - iii. Thames Street Planning – Next meeting December 16th
 - iv. Groton City Programming – Next meeting December 8th
 - b. Staff Report:
 - i. Project Status Update
 1. Community Resiliency Plan
 - a. Working with staff to assess risk assessments and plans
 - b. Looking at projects for rain gardens and other concept projects. Researching funding sources. DEEP provided some resources for organizations that could support the projects.
 2. Visioning Thames Street
 - a. Working with staff internally to review plans for Thames View Park and Thames Street corridor.
 3. Strategic Communication
 - a. Working through some of the details
 - ii. Economic Development Grant Program



- I. Special meeting held in November focused on this. There will be some changes to the process for review of applications (e.g., including staff in review) and to language in the guide to reflect changes to the award timing.
- iii. TIF
 - I. No updates
- iv. Report on Projects in the City
 - I. There are several projects in front of the P&Z committee. There is a meeting on 21 December to review some of the projects.
- v. Communications
 - I. No updates

VI. Additions to Agenda

- a. Anna Orlando – Cornell University Independent Study Presentation
 - i. Placemaking in Groton
 - ii. A discussion followed regarding the Groton brand and opportunities for activities in The City of Groton.

Public Comments

VII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn: Matthew Longino
Seconded the motion: Margaret Hirsch
Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

Submitted by: Margaret Hirsch