



Minutes
December 7th 2022

- **Call to Order & Roll Call ~ 5:40pm**
 - No Quorum**
 - a. Commissioners: Matthew Longino & Nishant Sahoo
 - b. Liaisons: None
 - c. Staff: Cierra Patrick
 - d. Presenter/ Guest: Dan Mercier (UCONN Avery Point, applied to be commissioner)
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Approval of Minutes ~ Unable to vote due to no quorum, moved to next meeting**
 - a. October 5th 2022
 - b. November 2nd 2022
- IV. **Public Comments ~ 3 minutes per person: None**
- V. **New Business:**
 - a. Nishant went over the grant program in brief for Dan.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. Business Outreach:
 - i. Nishant visited Friendly Tai and Elizabeth Taylor
 - ii. Matt visited Buford's, Loks Salon, and Danielle's
 - iii. Cierra met with property owner of 140 Poquonnock Rd. who is interested in minor façade improvements benefiting CJs Laundry mat
 - b. EDC Sub-Committees/ Working Groups:
 - i. No Updates, groups were explained to Dan
 - c. Staff Report:
 - i. Economic Development Grant Program: Fox Grant application was approved by Council, but needs a permit for awning, working on that now. Discussion about our process to include bringing application to building official to verify if needs permit before we vote. Council should not vote until all boxes are checked.
 - ii. Upcoming Presentations/Workshop:
 - 1. Dec 20th 6:30pm, PZ workshop on mixed use development
 - iii. Resiliency Plan:
 - 1. Hosting capacity building and project development workshops:
 - a. January 2023 workshop with department heads
 - b. March 2023 workshop with City staff and community organizations.



- iv. Visioning Thames St:
 - 1. Thames View Park Planning discussions are underway with City staff.
- v. Bridge St Gateway Improvements:
 - 1. City Staff and StreePlans is preparing for a spring 2023 tactical urbanism instillation.
 - 2. Concept plans currently propose closing down 2 lanes (1 on north and 1 on bridge); adding crosswalks, bike lanes, and signage.
 - 3. Staff coordination and community outreach are underway
 - 4. CT DOT is involved as concept design abuts an I-95 on/off ramp.

VII. Additions to Agenda

a. Branding initiative:

- i. Based on Community feedback *History in the Making* is the tagline the City of Groton will move forward with.
- ii. Miranda Creative presented the tagline and mock ups of potential uses such as banners to City Council during the November COW. The tagline was well received and council provide a comments the Miranda Creative team will address.

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment ~ 6:23