

TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
February 16, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:07.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Wesa, M. Simmons

GUESTS: – P. Delaney – Ms. Delaney was informed that she had not yet been appointed as a Commissioner. She will submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen. A MOTION was made (Wesa, Simmons) to approve Ms. Delaney for a position on the EDC. ALL IN FAVOR.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION (Wesa, Simmons) to approve the minutes of January 19, 2023, with one correction. ALL IN FAVOR.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Available for Commissioners' perusal:

--At the request of Ms. Delaney, a letter of recommendation on behalf of the EDC was written by Mr. Wesa  
--January and February issues of Preservation Connecticut News magazine

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Farmers Market – Mr. Wesa had submitted a School Use application which was approved by the Board of Education. The storage trailer will cost \$125 per month and a \$175 transportation fee to and from. Mr. Wesa suggested that musicians should be contacted and scheduled. Mr. Simmons will work on that. Vendors letters are being done by Ms. Hanson. It was thought that the dog policy should go through the town attorney.

EDC Website/Voluntown.Biz – Rack cards direct people to the website for the Business Directory. No need was seen to print a directory.

Business Development/P&Z – Cannabis regulations will be discussed at a March 6, 2023, public meeting. P&Z minutes were requested to be included in the EDC monthly meeting packet.

Eastern Connecticut Tourism – No report

Trails Map – Previous questions were answered by James Dodd in an email. Map size is still uncertain depending on the number of ads that are placed. There was discussion as to the number of maps to be printed.

Historical Update – Mr. Wesa requested Ms. Delaney to be the EDC liaison to the Historical Society. Ms. Delaney said she would like to do "Profiles in Courage" for town founders. She also would like to know liability and engineer for "punkin chunkin". She is also interested in rural development grants and a co-op like Willimantic has. Historical sites are now owned by the state. Can they be returned to the town?

Budget – Some lines can be deleted as they are not used. Business Directory Update (59640) and Ag Viability Grant Income (43205) will be removed.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2023

--Paul Whitescarver, Executive Director of seCTer

A MOTION was made (Wesa, Simmons) to adjourn at 8:34, ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted, Diana M. Ingraham, Clerk

Approved for distribution

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