



MINUTES

June 19, 2018

Meeting Room 3 - 7:00pm

Present:

Wes Thompson, Cramer Owen, Nick Roussas, Matthew Mihalcik, Amy Dent, Al Roznicki, Scott Orlando, Steve Gogliettino, Christal Preszler – Deputy Director Economic and Community Development, Kim Chiappetta – Economic and Community Development & Fairfield Hills Coordinator (clerk)

Public Participation:

None

Absent:

Bob Rau, Dana Trado

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Cramer Owen made a motion to accept the minutes from April 17, 2018. Amy Dent seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Wes Thompson started the meeting by discussing the need to develop a plan for considering cancelling meetings in the event of an emergency after the experience from the May 15th storm.

He then recapped the past meeting key topics: sewers, sidewalks, business districts and the incentive program. This meeting will be covering the financials. The EDC did receive more funds for the next fiscal year, but not as much as was requested so there will be a need to be more selective and targeted in spending. He clarified that the budget is actually owned managed by the Economic and Community Development department, and the EDC provides input as to how the money is spent. Steve Gogliettino asked if there is a way to raise funds outside of the budget. Wes informed Steve that in the event of an emergency project or cost, funds can be allocated to cover unforeseen costs.

Fairfield Hills campus:

Wes explained to members that the EDC supports the Fairfield Hills Authority in marketing the property. Most recently, the EDC has been assisting with lease terms for the Stratford Hall building. He is working with the Director of Public Works, Fred Hurley, in having utilities connected to the building.



Incentive for Assisted Living:

Wes informed members that in a later meeting he would like to present members with a highlight of the activities involved in the incentive for the Assisted Living facility

Economic and Community Development – Staff Updates:

Christal Prezler began by providing members an update of Fairfield Hills campus activities, and a status of the Assisted Living facility.

Christal has reached out to Educational Playcare and has offered assistance with things like providing suggestions for marketing opportunities. She added that they are in the process of hiring. The group then discussed the job opportunities opening in town between Educational Playcare and the assisted living facility.

Scott Orlando asked when interior work would begin on the Stratford Hall building. Christal and Wes explained that there is not a specific timeline as of yet, as details are not finalized. Wes continued that Stratford Hall has the highest potential to house a business on campus, so the town is investing in the roof replacement to ensure the building does not deteriorate.

Budget:

Christal presented a categorized summary of the 17-18 budget to the Commission members. She highlighted some details of the spending in each category to ensure member had a clear understanding. The group had brief discussions regarding the websites, Restaurant week and a survey.

Christal then presented the budget for the fiscal year 18-19 and highlighted the requested budget versus the approved budget. Members had discussions regarding areas of spending for the next fiscal year.

Member Comments and General Discussion:

none

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Amy Dent at 8:12 pm and was seconded by Cramer Owen.

Respectfully Submitted, Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk