

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Minutes  
September 9, 2020**

DATE: September 9, 2020  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Zoom meeting https # 85168360689

**Present**

Amy Suffredini  
Bob Reeve  
Phil Chabot  
Dan Kleinman  
Bill Wadsworth  
John Karwoski  
Ed Giannaros

**Staff**

Rose Ponte

**a. Call to Order**

a. Meeting was called to order by the Amy Suffredini at 5:30 pm

**b. Public Comment- none noted****c. Thomas Kurczewski, 242-244 Main Street**

Mr. Kurczewski, along with Phil Doyle, Lada Associates and Hillary Donald, Architect, NCARB presented the proposed project, 242- 244 Main Street. Last year, Mr. Kurczewski completed the redevelopment of 240 Main Street which is adjacent to the 242-244. The proposed project would combine the two parcels and create a village setting that includes the following improvements:

- Lower impervious surface of the parcel
- Upgrade the storm water system
- Bring the buildings to code
- Increase building mass by 2,500
- Improve pedestrian connectivity with new sidewalks
- Improve and increase landscaping

Mr. Kurczewski submitted the Economic Impact Statement, which listed an investment of \$810,000 and the possible creation of 18 full time jobs.

A motion was made (Reeve/ Chabot) to issue a positive referral to TPZ. **Motion carried**

**d. Reading of the Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded (Wadsworth / Reeve) to accept the June 17, 2020 minutes

**a. The motion carried**

**e. Economic Development Report:**

- Rose gave the commission an update on several projects that will be going before TPZ in the coming months.
- Grants to fund Phase 1 of the Farmington Village Streetscape plan were awarded, a community meeting will take place later this fall to present the phase implementation plan.
- This summer's storm, and dry weather have not been kind to the summer flowering baskets. Rose is researching alternatives for next summer's beautifications efforts.

**(a) Fall Business Breakfast**

To date 39 in person registrations have been received and 36 zoom registrations. Rose will send out a final invitation on 9-15

**(b) Town Council Subcommittee on Racial Equity**

This subcommittee will be meeting with various town departments to better understand each department's function in the community. Rose will present to the committee at the end of the month.

**f. Town Council Report-**

Councilman Giannaros reported on Town Council actions from their September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Updates included:

1. Appointments were made to several boards and commissions
2. The Farmington Village Phase 1 streetscape improvement plan will go to a community meeting in October for comment.
3. The Council awarded a contract for a new Fire Department ladder truck for Fire Department
4. They ratified a tentative agreement between the TOF and Farmington School nurses; a public hearing was set for October 13
5. He reported on the Racial Equity subcommittee's activities to date.

**g. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded (Wadsworth / Kleinman) to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM.

**a. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Ponte  
Economic Development Director  
CC: Economic Development Commissioners**