

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Minutes September 14 2022, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

In person and Via Zoom meeting https # 85168360689

Present

Bill Wadsworth
Bob Reeve
Phil Chabot
Pete Ramchandani
Dan Kleinman
Warren Hua

Staff

Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Wadsworth at 5:30 pm.

B. Public Comment- No Comment

C. Reading of the minutes

- a. A motion was made and seconded by (Kleinman/Reeve) to accept the June 8, 2022 minutes. **Motion carried.**

D. Economic Developer's Report and Current Economic Development Indicators

Rose reviewed completed projects, recently approved projects, and the commercial economic data. All economic data was positive however, as expected the office vacancy rate increased from 7% to 10%. We were informed that a \$19,107 grant was received from AARP to fund directional signage, an informational kiosk, benches, and a bike rack for the pocket park on Route 177. Rose, Anna and Russ Arnold submitted a STEAP grant to fund the installation of 4 pickle ball courts and a splash park, grant notification will be made by month's end.

E. Business Breakfast

The next business breakfast will be held on October 13, 2022. Liz Shapiro, from the Office of the Arts will present the economic impact of the creative economy and Andre LePelle Keitt will perform a snippet of the Farmington Historical Society's new tour The Odyssey of the Amistad: A Trail to Freedom.

F. Town Council Liaison Report

Councilman Giannaros gave an highlights of the last Town Council meeting. He explained that the CTDOT will not be conveying the former Parson's lot to the Town to be used for modified open space. The Town has been exploring building a third bridge in town to reduce traffic, improve connectivity locally and regionally, and improve safety in case of an emergency. The bridge would be built on the narrowest part of the river.

G. New Business – None noted.

H. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made and seconded (Chabot / Kleinman) to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. **Motion Carried.**

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