

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Minutes December 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Bill Wadsworth
Bob Reeve
Phil Chabot
Pete Ramchandani
Warren Hua
Daniel Kleinman
Tommy Hyde

Staff

Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order

At 5:30 pm, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Wadsworth

B. Public Comment

None noted

C. Presentation by Mott Corporation regarding a special permit and site plan approval

Aaron Yeaton, Mott's Director of Operations, presented on behalf of Mott Corporation. They recently developed a market leading porous metal product for use in electrolysis application for the generation of green hydrogen. Mott is planning to expand its manufacturing footprint and lease approximately 65,000 square feet of space at 1690 New Britain Avenue. This particular space would work well for Mott because there is capability to expand, and it is in close proximity to the two other facilities on Spring Lane. They anticipate creating 100 new full-time jobs.

- a. A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Chabot/ Reeve) to issue a positive referral to TPZ for special permit and site plan approval at 1690 New Britain Ave, Farmington, CT. **Motion Carried**

D. Reading of Minutes

- a. A motion was made and seconded by((Chabot/Ramchandani) to accept the November 9, 2022 minutes. **Motion carried.**

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

Commissioners did not have any questions regarding the monthly Economic Developer's report. The Town of Farmington is a member of Metro Hartford Alliance, Oz Griebal addressed the Commission a few years ago regarding the Town's membership, the Commission agreed it would be beneficial to hear from David Griggs, Metro's current CEO concerning the Alliance's goals and membership benefits. Rose will invite David to present to EDC in the coming months. Rose gave various updates on ongoing projects, the upcoming January 9th TPZ public hearings, and preliminary results of the tax revaluation.

F. Town Council Liaison Report

Councilman Giannaros reported the following:

1. The Farmington High School referendum was approved by a 2:1 margin, turnout was at almost 13%. Construction will continue on the new high school.
2. Representative Demicco promised he will work with the Town and the DOT to assure that the former Parson's lot be conveyed to the Town for modified open space.
3. The 2023-2024 salary for the Registrar of Voters was set at \$24,900 per year. Once CT's new early voting process is finalized the Council may reexamine the salary's appropriateness.

G. New Business – None noted.

H. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made and seconded (Chabot / Ramchandani) to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. **Motion Carried.**

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