

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Special Meeting December 6, 2023

Present

Bill Wadsworth
Phil Chabot
Bob Reeve
Pete Ramchandani
Tommy Hyde
Warren Hua
Ed Giannaros

Staff

Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34

B. Public Comment -

Various Farmington High Schools students attended the meeting but there was no public comment.

C. Reading of the minutes - Attachment 1

A motion was made and seconded (Kleinman/ Reeve) to accept the November 8, 2023 minutes. **The motion carried.**

D. Discussion of the Cultural District Committee Selection

Rose shared with the Commissioners a list of people who have expressed an interest in serving on this committee. The Committee would report to the Economic Development Commission. The list included 13 people 3 from Unionville and 10 from Farmington. Commissioners discussed the possibility of having everyone who has expressed an interest be appointed to the commission but their was a concern that if the committee is too large it might be difficult to have a quorum. Rose will check to see if this has been an issue with other towns. Rose will continue to meet with interested people. The EDC will make their selection in early spring.

E. Economic Development Report

- a. The Holiday Kissing Balls were installed the week before Thanksgiving. Credit card payments will be accepted for the first time, making payment easier. Donations have lessened over the past several years. Winterberry has not raised their prices since the program started.

F. Town Council Liaison Report

Councilman Giannaros reported on items from the November 14, 2023 Town Council Meeting.

1. Silver/ Petrucelli + Associates, architects for the 1928 building are nearing completion of the design development phase of the building.
2. The Council transferred unobligated capital improvement project balances from various inactive CIP accounts and to cover shortfalls in other CIP accounts.

3. The Council accepted a \$10,013.95 equipment donation from the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department .

A motion was made and seconded (Hyde /Reeve) to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. **Motion carried.**

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