

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 10, 2024

Present

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

Staff

Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

B. Welcome Amy Pumbo

Amy had a prior engagement and will be joining the EDC at the next scheduled meeting.

C. Public Comment - No public comment**D. Reading of the minutes - Attachment 1**

A motion was made and seconded (Chabot / Hua) to accept the December 6, 2023, **The motion carried.**

E. Farmington Cultural District

The next step in the state application process is to finalize the roster of members for the advisory committee. Rose asked Commissioners to forward any additional names of interested people to her so she could finalize the list. There was discussion involving the difficulty of reaching a quorum if the committee is too large, the consensus was reached that the advisory committee should not be so large that it will be difficult to reach a quorum, and since all meetings will be open to the public any interested member of the committee can attend the advisory committee meetings and stay involved. At the March meeting commissioners will receive the final list of people who have expressed an interest in serving on the committee. Rose will note the State's criteria for choosing committee members on that list.

F. 2023-2024 Budget Discussion

Rose reviewed the draft budget with the Commission. She will present the draft budget to the Town Manager; from there the Town Manager will finalize the budget numbers and present them to the Town Council for discussion.

G. Economic Developers Report

- a. The Commission agreed to recognize La Belle Chateau Salon and Spa for the 50th Business Anniversary

- b. Rose asked Commissioners for suggestions regarding future breakfast speakers. She was hoping someone might have a connection with the Otis CEO, the Governor was also mentioned has a possible speaker.

H. Town Council Liaison - Liaison not in attendance

I. New Business - no new business

J. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded (Chabot /Hua) to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. **Motion carried.**

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