

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 13, 2024**

**Present**

Bill Wadsworth  
Phil Chabot  
Dan Kleinman  
Pete Ramchandani

**Staff**

Rose Ponte

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

**B. Public Comment - No public comment**

**C. Reading of the minutes - Attachment 1**

A motion was made and seconded  
(Chabot /Ramchandani) to accept the January 10, 2024, **The motion carried.**

**D. Presentation of 8774 Scott Swamp Road LLC**

Commissioners received the project's Economic Impact Statement in their monthly meeting packets. The Economic Impact Statement supplied by the applicant stated a project investment of \$ 2.4 million and the creation of 30-50 new full time jobs.

Mr. Dan Pizzoferrato gave an overview of his project at 8774 Scott Swamp Road. He purchased the property from the State of CT. The property used to house a salt shed for the DOT. Mr. Pizzoferrato plans to offer office space and storage units tailored to trade-focused businesses such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and other contractors. The proposed plan emphasizes clean, efficient, and turnkey units designed to support the needs of small businesses.

A motion was made and seconded by (Ramchandani/ Chabot) to issue a positive referral to TPZ for the project. **The motion carried**

**E. Farmington Cultural District**

The Commissioners received a list of 19 individuals that had expressed an interest in serving on the Cultural District Advisory Committee. Rose reviewed the list of candidates, and the various classifications candidates must represent according to the Cultural District guidelines. The Commission approved 9 members to the Advisory Committee

A motion to approve the following members to the Cultural District Advisory Committee:

Mike Schloss, Cate Grady Benson, Christine Petit, Kate Emery, Ivana Rucnov, Chelsea O'Donnell, Patty LeBouthillier, Lisa Johnson, Pinar Ozyigit and Marsha Varin, was made and seconded (Chabot/Ramchandani) The **motion carried**

**F. Economic Development Report**

1. Rose gave an update on the current and potential development projects in town.
2. The Farmington Public Libraries is partnering with the Economic Development Department to host two small business forums highlighting the entrepreneurial journey. The first panel will take place on April 23 and the second on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Rose asked Commissioners if we should host a Spring and Fall breakfast, after some discussion the commissioners reached consensus that we should continue to host 3 breakfasts a year.
4. Rose reviewed the Economic Development Strategic plan with the Commission.
5. The June meeting will be rescheduled to June 19, 2024

**G. New Business - no new business**

**H. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded (Chabot /Hua) to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. **Motion carried.**

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