

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

September 1, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Teresa Avey called the regular September Zoom meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Ancona  
Chairman Avey  
Commissioner Havens  
Commissioner Marsden  
Commissioner Nagel  
Commissioner Pane  
Commissioner Slater

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Rioux  
Commissioner Stamm-excused

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 6/2/21 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Slater moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsden. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion with seven voting YEA.

B. 6/23/21 Special Meeting

Commissioner Slater moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nagel. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion with seven voting YEA.

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V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (Speakers limited to two minutes.)

None

VI. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

There was no representative present from the Chamber, and Chairman Avey reported that she had not received any information from them.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Beautification Committee

The flower pots have been distributed with flowers in them, brought to the Rooster Company, Barre Studio on Market Square, to Little Cakes, to Image Ink on Pane Road and Pane Material on Pane Road. The Chamber has been asked to see if there were any other businesses that might be interested, and if so to contact this Commission.

A mock up of the flag has been received and they will be ordered tomorrow if the Commission is okay with that.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Keith Chapman updated the Commission on the Economic Development efforts that were going on. There is a total of fourteen, fifteen different projects that are being worked on right now with developers and investors. If all of the projects reached fruition, it would result in about 274 million dollars into the town.

Commissioner Havens asked if the projects were scattered throughout the town, and asked what types of projects were being discussed.

Keith Chapman indicated that some of them were on or near the Belin Turnpike, some that are near or on Cedar Street, some in other parts of town, but the principal areas are the turnpike and the immediate area around the pike and then Cedar Street. The high traffic counts on both roads, and the convenience to I91, I84 and the college has sparked a great deal of interest from developers.

The project that is furthest along is the hotel, the building permits have been issued and this will be at 712 Cedar Street, a long stay hotel complex. The permits total about 7 million dollars of work to be done plus additional permits will be necessary for some of the ground work, resulting in a project in the 11 million dollar range when completed.

There are two car washes that are going the process, one on the turnpike, one on Fenn Road. A developer out of state is working with the town on the old National Welding site. That is now before EPA for some environmental issues. There is 3333 Berlin Turnpike, waiting for state approval on the signalization and the lanes that will be added to the turnpike.

Eighteen new homes are being constructed off of Deming Street and the excavation and road work has already been started. At this point those are the ones that I can discuss.

Commissioner Havens asked what percentage of the 274 million is going to be homes, living space as opposed to industry and retail. Out of the fifteen projects approximately seven or commercial and then some that are mixed and some that are solely residential.

IX. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (Speakers limited to two minutes.)

None

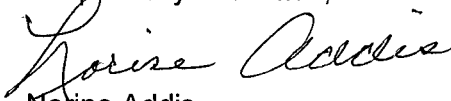
X. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chairman Avey gave an FYI that she may not be at the November meeting since it is the day after the election and if necessary Vice-Chairman Pane will take over the meeting.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Havens moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slater. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Addis,  
Recording Secretary