

## MINUTES : FEBRUARY 8, 2023

### CHAPLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

\*CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:36 PM

\*SCHEIN VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE MINUTES

\*MEMBERS PRESENT: SCHEIN J. ROMAN, L. ROMAN, SLOWICK.

\*ALSO PRESENT WERE PAT POGMORE AND JANINE ROSE, APPOINTED TO COMMISSION BUT NOT YET SWORN IN.

\*8 d. added to agenda: CT VISIT. POGMORE VOLUNTEERED TO ATTEND THEIR QUARTERLY ZOOM MEETING TO KEEP COMMISSION UP TO DATE ON OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE OUR TOWN FOR TOURISM AND RELATED BUSINESSES.

\*MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2023 APPROVED : J. ROMAN MOVED, L. ROMAN SECOND. ALL YEAS

\*NEW MEMBERS WERE BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSION OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, INCLUDING

\*\* WALKWAY AND PARKING LOT EXPANSION FROM TOWN HALL TO SENIOR CENTER/LIBRARY AND GARRISON FIELD WAS REVEALED ON A LARGE MAP

\*\*USE OF VACANT TOWN BUILDINGS , J. ROMAN IS SEARCHING FOR A REALTOR TO BETTER UNDERSTAND POSSIBLE USES OF THE BUILDING BEFORE THE TOWN SPENDS FUNDS ON CREATING A USABLE SPACE. ASBESTOS FLOOR TILES IS ONE CONCERN.

\*\*PLANNING AND ZONING ACTIONS DISCUSSED:

REVISING BUSINESS REGULATIONS ON RT.6 AND ISSUES RELATING TO BEING BUSINESS FRIENDLY AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR MORE BUSINESSES TO HAVE A BETTER STANCE WITH THE DOT TO ADJUST SPEED DOWNWARD IN THE CORRIDOR.

\*\*J. ROMAN SHARED HIS IDEAS OF HOW WE CAN PROCEED TO ENCOURAGE EXISTING AND FUTURE BUSINESSES TO THRIVE, AND VOLUNTEERED TO VISIT BUSINESSES ON RT. 6 AND INVITE THEM TO A MEET AND GREET AT THE TOWN HALL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

\*\*HE ALSO SUGGESTED WE WORK ON A VISION PLAN TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CREATING A PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION OF CHAPLIN.

\*\*J. ROMAN ALSO SHARED THAT HE IS WORKING ON TRAFFIC CALMING ON TOWN ROADS.

\*\* ALSO, THE TOWN HAS MADE A LARGE INVESTMENT IN HVAC SYSTEMS IN TOWN BUILDINGS, WHICH, IN THE LONG RUN, WILL SAVE ON FUTURE ENERGY COSTS.

\*GENERAL DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING A WAY TO START CREATING EVENTS IN TOWN TO FOSTER COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND ATTRACT VISITORS, AS WELL AS HOW TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ENHANCE COMMUNIY INVOLVEMENT AND TOURIST ATTRACTIONS.

\*\*POGMORE AND SLOWICK AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER ON CREATING AN ARTISTS DAY, LIKELY IN THE FALL.

\*IF OUR BUDGET IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE WE WILL HIRE A CLERK

\*ITEMS 8a, AND 8b OF AGENDA, WERE TABLED.(FUNDING AND GRANT WATCH,N.E. CT. ALLIANCE AND REVIEW OF ECONOMIC STRATEGY DOCUMENT FROM NECCOG.

\* NEXT MEETING..MARCH 8, 2023

\*ADJOURN AT 8:40PM