

Chaplin Community and Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Meeting of June 9, 2021  
Hybrid meeting in person and via video conference call

CALL TO ORDER: Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

APPOINT TEMPORARY RECORDING SECRETARY: Ann Lewis was appointed temporary recording secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT, OTHERS PRESENT: Irene Schein (chair), Leslie Ricklin, Virginia Siege, Ann Lewis.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: There is no longer a mandate for remote meetings so each board/commission can decide which type of meeting it prefers. There was agreement that this commission would continue to have hybrid meetings to make it easier for members to participate.

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None.

APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF May 12, 2021: Ms. Ricklin made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/12/21 meeting. Ms. Siege seconded. No discussion. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPDATE ON REVISED PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC HEARING JULY 8, 2021: The draft of the POCD draft was sent to Ms. Schein by the first selectman. Members were encouraged to review it. Ms. Schein will review the POCD and plan to attend the hearing on July 8<sup>th</sup>

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE: There continues to be no funding available for affordable housing. It's possible that the American Rescue Plan Act may have some funding for affordable housing.

RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION DISCUSSION: The group briefly discussed recycling and environmental issues.

UPDATE SUSTAINABLE CT: Ms. Ricklin and Ms. Schein met recently with a new intern with Sustainable CT, Brandon Whitburn, who provided them with a list of

Sustainable CT actions that may be accessible to Chaplin. There was discussion on who might have the time and willingness to submit actions to Sustainable CT so that Chaplin could get points.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AND GOALS, WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE. The group discussed the purpose of the commission and reviewed the statement on the town website of the commission's purpose. There was agreement that the community aspect of the commission is important but there was confusion over what the Town's direction or goals are in terms of economic development and how the commission could help with that. It was agreed that the commission would meet with the first selectman to seek guidance.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

NEXT MEETING is July 14, 2021 AT 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Lewis