

Chaplin Community and Economic development Commission

Special Meeting minutes

7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 12, 2017

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance were Irene Schein, Paul Siege, Peggy Mckleroy, Leslie Ricklin and William H. Rose IV.
2. Leslie made a motion to elect Irene Schein for Chair, Paul seconded. No discussion, Irene was elected unanimously.
3. It was recommended by the committee that members will share the recording secretary responsibilities. William will serve as secretary for this meeting and members will rotate the responsibility each meeting. Peggy will serve as secretary at the next meeting.
4. Paul moved and Leslie seconded to have meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Chaplin Town Hall. Irene will submit the annual meeting schedule to the Town Clerk.
5. Members will submit contact info to Irene such as phone numbers and email addresses.
6. Irene attempted to pass out copies of the State Statue and sample ordinance regarding the commission but copier was not working so Irene read the single copy aloud to the committee.
7. Discussion ensued as to what the members thought the charge and responsibilities of the Commission should be. Irene felt maybe housing or transportation to aid in development and creating a local work force. Irene added what are the keys to attracting businesses and how do we go about attracting those quality businesses. Leslie felt maybe we should send out a questionnaire to get feedback from the existing businesses and residents. Leslie also felt the Cottage industries in town are an important consideration. Bill felt that part of our charge is to act as a liaison between the town commissions such as the BOS, Planning and Zoning and our potential or existing businesses to attract and maintain our commercial base. Peggy would like to explore the possibilities of having local HOPS or other forms of agriculture grown in town. She will report on the possibilities at the next meeting. There was discussion of the commission sponsoring seminars and locating resources for local businesses and residents interested in business. There was also a short discussion and consensus of the commission that the current status of our school system hinders attracting young families to town who are essential to positive development in the Town of Chaplin.
8. The Commission decided that at this time the short term plan will to be to recruit speakers to conduct seminars to educate residents to potential start up businesses. Peggy will look into HOPS and agricultural possibilities. Irene will investigate Solar and Paul will work on inviting the local Chamber of Commerce for their suggestions. All will report back at the next meeting.
9. Agendas items for next meeting will be reports from board members.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectively Submitted.

William H. Rose IV

Bill kindly took the minutes which will be available soon.

Present at the meeting, Irene Schein, Leslie Ricklin, Paul Siege, Bill Rose, Peggy Mckleroy.

I was elected Chair, Irene.

We voted to hold meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the Town Hall.

We decided to rotate taking minutes.

We tossed around many topics regarding attracting business to Town to help with Grand List, types of businesses, land availability and suitability and basically all agreed we would do well to start by gathering information.

I will be looking into Community Solar, Peggy will investigate hop farming and others are asked to bring some information regarding Community and Economic development. If you have an idea check out some details of how to make it happen and bring it to our next meeting, Wednesday May 10. Articles, speaker suggestion, workshops would be grea