

DRAFT MINUTES : CHAPLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2022 6:30 PM TOWN HALL

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Schein at 6:33 PM
2. Appoint temporary recording secretary, Schein volunteered
3. Members present.. Schein, Ricklin, Juan Roman, Linda Roman, Bill Rose. Alternate Rose seated in vacancy of regular member.
4. Additions or changes to the agenda
5. Audience for citizens, none present
6. Act on minutes of August 10, 2022. Schein moved to approve, Ricklin made the second, all approved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Recruitment. Draft letter reviewed, discussed, J. Roman moved, Rose made the second and all approved the recruitment letter as edited. Letter will go out on Google Groups.

b. Member reports

1. Schein presented the draft annual report, discussion ensued and J. Roman moved, L. Roman second to approve annual report. Schein will submit to the Town.

2. J. Roman reported the lab going in the Casket Company building is working on getting permits, and the gas station has permits and plans to break ground soon. Z Best building was purchased by the owner of the Chaplin Package store and will open another package store at that location.

J. Roman reported Chaplin Town signs have been installed on Route 6.

State has funds for walkways and bikeways.

Nyberg and Nutmeg Roads will be paved.

c. Traffic...traffic calming is still on the radar

d. Energy watch.....Heating system at Library/Senior center needs to be replaced and the First Selectmen is seeking advice from an engineer for the proper system.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Farmer's market. J. Roman will get list of Town farmers so Commission can reach out to them to see if a market is of interest to them and discuss ideas for promoting their business.

b. Business opportunity at old Post Office was discussed and First Selectman, J. Roman, has reached out to a Real Estate Agent for help to see how to proceed, possibly for a coffee shop, gathering place.

c. Pollinator garden... Ricklin discussed the roadblocks the Arboretum group is finding to locate the garden where bees would not threaten the public. Deb Field of Chaplin Street, who is very knowledgeable is on board to help.

d. Bicentennial comments....discussion of the day ensued and members felt a Chaplin Fair Day would be a popular event, and possibly hiring an event coordinator instead of tapping out our few volunteers would work. Chaplin Fair Day will continue on our agenda.

e. Networking and outreach. Discussion ensued regarding more activities, especially at the little used Community Center. L. Roman thought an outside sign for the Community Center could start that process.

9. Agenda suggestions for next meeting.

a. Review NECCOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document, how do we fit in?

b. Discuss and possibly plan a meet and greet with farmers.

c. Review Town web page... does it promote out Town assets? What are they?

10. Next meeting...November 9, 2022

11. Adjourn at 7:59 pm

Schein, Temporary recording secretary