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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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MANSFIELD TOWN HALL, 4 S. EAGLEVILLE ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM B

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 ■ 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. McGuire, M. Hirschorn, L. Watson  
MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Chukwuogor, D. Fecho, S. Ferrigno, B. Wiles  
STAFF PRESENT: L. Painter, J. Woodmansee, C. van Zelm  
GUESTS PRESENT: K. Lyman, Superintendent of Mansfield Public Schools  
Adrienne McPhearson

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

J. McGuire called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO COMMENT

A. McPhearson discussed her interest in serving on the Commission.

### MINUTES

No quorum is present.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Update on School Building process**

K. Lyman discussed the following with regard to the school building process: development of education specification process; the conceptual plan; the State of CT process for reimbursement; site selection; requirements and potential cost of building a net zero energy use building; timeline for application for State reimbursement. K. Lyman also discussed the necessary repairs that would be needed in order to renovate the three (3) existing elementary schools.

Members discussed the referendum that will occur in fall of 2019 for this project.

- **Establishment of task forces**

Tabled.

- **EDC member terms**

C. van Zelm reported that letters were mailed from the Town Manager.

### OTHER BUSINESS FOR MEETING

- **Member Updates**

J. McGuire reported that earlier in the day he attended an event sponsored by the CT Main Street Center and the Connecticut Economic Development Association which focused on Manchester's downtown initiatives. He requested that staff research how Mansfield's economic development budget compares to the budgets of neighboring towns.

- **Staff Updates**

C. van Zelm reported that the Town, along with UConn and CERC, are hosting a series of meetings focusing on the designated opportunity zones. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Dodd Center at UConn. She also reported that CERC will be providing market analysis information in the near future.

L. Painter reported that The J.E. Shepard Company is working on their application but nothing specific has been presented to the PZC since the text amendment. L. Painter also reported that in all likelihood the request for \$7,500 in funds for a regional EDC is being cut from the budget.

- **Openings/Closings of Businesses/Housing Changes**

L. Painter reported that Q's Noodle Bar and KTV in Downtown Storrs applied for a sign permit. In addition she reported that the Spring Hill Inn and a developer for a large scale project located in Mansfield's opportunity zone will both present pre-applications at the Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> PZC meeting.

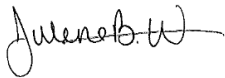
## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019, in Conference Room B at 6:30pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

M. Hirschorn MOVED, L. Watson seconded, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:



Jillene B, Woodmansee  
Planning and Development Assistant