

**Town of East Windsor
Economic Development Commission
11 Rye Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

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I. Time and Place of Regular Meeting In-person and via Zoom:

James Richards called the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Economic Development Commission to Order at 6:08 p.m. The meeting is being held in-person and via the ZOOM link noted above.

Members Present: Regular Members Jim Richards, Brian Turley, and Gilbert Hayes

Members Absent: Regular Member Robert Lyke

Guests: Sarah Muska, Selectman

Advisory Present: Daniel Miller, Assistant Town Planner and Staff Liaison to the Economic Development Commission, and, Sabohat Maniscalco, Recording Secretary

II. Establish Quorum:

James Richards noted the Regular Members Brian Turley, Gilbert Hayes and himself were present in-person including, Selectman Sarah Musca, the BOS liaison to the EDC.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. **Added Agenda Items:**
None

V. **Public Participation:**
None.

VI. **Approval of Minutes:**
A. Approval of May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Economic Development
Commission Regular Meeting dated May 3, 2022.

Gilbert Hayes moved/ Brian Turley seconded/DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No One Opposed/No Abstentions)

VII. **General Discussion/ Updates:**

Jim Richards suggested to start the meeting with Item 7, C in the agenda and introduced Margaret Smith.

Margaret Smith from the **Nutmeg Senior Rides** presented her organization and shared the information regarding the volunteer drivers. The organization was able to get the DOT requirement waived for the volunteer drivers which was not easy to accomplish. They had to actually hire a lawyer; and, with the help of the chair of transportation committee at the state legislature, a regulation was passed waiving the requirement for volunteers to have licenses.

The organization has greater flexibility to accommodate the needs of the senior citizens with the help from the staff and volunteer drivers. The law gives the flexibility to provide more services and the value of the volunteer time. They pay the volunteers for their mileage but not their time and due to the smart thinking of paid and unpaid volunteers, they continue to maintain their much-needed services to the most vulnerable population. For instance, they had customers who needed to get dialysis in times of COVID-19 when most of the transportation services were interrupted. Their rides increased from 180 to 850. In February, they had patients from Enfield Hospital be moved to the Hartford Hospital due to serious logistical issues. All the volunteers also get the worker's compensation coverage.

A. Update on Commercial Real Estate Promotions

James Richards informed the Commission that he had no updates for today.

B. 5 Village Visit

James Richards shared his ideas including the flyer for the event celebrating the five villages of the East Windsor.

D. Parking and Walkability Broad Brook Center

James Richards addressed the issue of safety concerns and that there was no safe pedestrian walkability from the cars to the businesses and vice versa. The issue will be discussed in the next meeting.

E. Zoning on Route 140

Danielle Miller prepared the information for Route 140. She shared with the Board that the office is trying to not change the zoning laws but revise the regulations to promote growth of businesses. Therefore, in order to eliminate some special use-regulation, the site plan review would most likely ease the burdensome requirements to nurturing the growth of businesses.

E. Any request from the 1st Selectman's Office

James Richards: Are there any requests?

Danielle Miller: No updates yet.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p. m.

Brian Turley moved/Gilbert Hayes seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No One Opposed/No Abstentions)

Respectfully submitted:

Sabo Maniscalco, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Economic Development
Commission