

Town of Marlborough



Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024, 7:00 PM
Marlborough Senior Center

1. Call to Order & Roll Call/Designation of Alternates

Jillian LaCaresse called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

Attending the meeting and seated were Jillian LaCaresse, Mark Paul, and Barbara Ferrara (Alt).

Jillian noted Leonard Kaplan has stepped down and the open position is posted and will be filled soon.

2. Public Comments /Communications

None

3. Updates

i. Town Center Properties Update

Three Fellas is planning to open in late June for the gas station and the food/pizza establishment. The town is planning to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to boost the event along with Facebook postings.

Starbucks located in the Three Fellas Plaza has opened.

Dunkin' on East Hampton Road (RT 66) has recently been remodeled and is open for business.

Zina's Cucina is under new ownership and will be having a grand re-opening on June 2nd. The town is also planning to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to boost the event along with postings on Facebook.

Pheonix Martial Arts has opened in the Marlborough Village Green Plaza.

Shop Two Coffee (S2) is still in the process of completing the renovation and hopes to open soon.

Heartwood Cabinetry, LLC has moved from the North Main Street location. The building is open and plans for the building are not known currently.

ii. Juneteenth – Sat June 22

Jillian updated the group on the progress in planning the event. The previous planned coordination with Hebron for the event to occur on the same day has changed and the date for the Marlborough event is now June 22, 2024.

Currently planned events for that day are the memorial bench to be placed in the Century Cemetery to honor those who were not allowed to be buried there in years past, a speaker at the Congregational Church due to its historical past and importance in the town, and a special speaker at the library.

There is a \$250 charge for the speaker at the library and Jillian suggested the EDC cover the cost.

Barbara Ferrara made a motion to pay the \$250 fee for the speaker at the library on June 22, 2024. Mark Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In addition, Jillian mentioned that early planning for Marlborough Day is underway. We are looking to promote more involvement from local businesses and vendors than in previous years. More updates and planning to be discussed at EDC's upcoming meeting.

iii. Business Directory Updates

Barbara has updated the directory. The list will be posted on the town website and printed copies will be placed at key locations such as the Town Hall and Library.

iv. Sustainable CT

Mark Paul sent in the package for review and has been informed we have our Bronze status and the 290 points have been validated. We are still

planning to submit for Silver status late July and need 500 points to reach that level.

Mark also noted the Community Forum “Trash Talk” was held on April 30, 2024. There was good discussion on composting which also led to recycling programs. A composting bin will be placed at the Transfer Station by “Blue Earth”. They will pick up and replace the bin on a regular schedule and the town will not have to do anything besides promote the use of the composting bin.

4. New Business

i. Local business changes- closings, openings, updates

All covered in section 3i.

ii. Zina's Cucina Grand Reopening Celebration, June 2

All covered in section 3i.

5. Approval of Minutes

Barbara Ferrara made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, regular meeting. Mark Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. Adjournment

Barbara Ferrara a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM. Mark Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Carter
Board Clerk