



**TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH**  
**Economic Development Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Marlborough Town Hall**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order (Roll Call, Designation of Alternates)

Jillian LaCaresse called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present were Jillian LaCaresse, Benjamin Maynard, Michael Chotkowski, Jim Shea, Leonard Kaplan-Alt seated for Jeremy Vigneault, Barbara Ferrara-Alt and Peter Hughes-Director of Planning & Development

2. Public Comments / Communications

3. Updates

i. Town Center Properties Update

- Peter Hughes reviewed the application for the EV charging station at 5 Hebron Road for the commission. The application is with the Zoning Commission for public hearings. He hopes to have it approved at the next public hearing on October 5, 2023, Zoning meeting. Mr. Kaplan asked if the charging stations are universal. Mr. Hughes believes the applicant is leaning toward Tesla. Mr. Hughes will report back on how many Tesla vehicles are on the tax roll in Marlborough.
- South Main St. (*APPLICATION #Z-08-22- Austin HGB, LLC Bill Gjonbalaj (Applicant / Property Owner), (2) 48-unit buildings*) construction planned to begin in June 2024.
- New sidewalks on No. Main Street are being used. Mr. Hughes is hoping to get another grant to install sidewalks on Lake Road to Blish Park.
- No new information on the proposed condos for North Main St.
- Mr. Hughes has applied to Clean Water Fund priority list to extend sewers across the bridge that crosses Route 2.

ii. Sustainable CT- EDC Participation

- Ms. LaCaresse asked about Sustainable CT. Mr. Hughes updated the commission on the status of our submission and process to receive the bronze level. We will continue to work to receive silver status. We will be attending the award ceremony on October 10, 2023.

Mr. Shea asked for an update on the proposed commission expansion due to their new responsibilities). Ms. LaCaresse advised him it was on hold at this time.

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Ms. LaCaresse reported the commission is looking to have farmers markets beginning in the Fall of 2024.

iii. Community Event

- Fife and Drum Corp Muster

Ms. LaCaresse reported it went very well. Mr. Kaplan asked the town to look at different dates for next year, so it is not during Rosh Hashanah again.

- Village on the Green

Ms. LaCarasse asked Louise Concodello (public attendee) about the Parks & Rec taking over this event "Gathering on the Green". It is December 2, 2023.

4. New Business

- i. Local business changes- closings, openings, updates

There is a new day care center on Sarah Lane near exit 12.

Tousled Hair Salon is closing its Glastonbury location and moving all business to the Marlborough location.

Jessica's Garden is doing very well.

5. Old Business

- i. Marlborough Day

We are waiting for numbers from the Chamber associated with this event.

6. Approval of August 2023 Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

Tabled 2024 calendar review for next meeting.

Mr. Kaplan asked about face masks due to new COVID strain. Who decides about a town policy for masking? Ms. LaCaresse is not sure although she thinks the businesses will need to decide for themselves.

Discussion about improving communications with businesses using the new EDC email account.

7. Adjournment

Leonard Kaplan motioned to adjourn. Michael Chotkowski second. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Monterville  
Board Clerk

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