

GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

April 22, 2024 6:00PM

In Person and Zoom

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Henrietta Horvay, George Motel, Heidi Koenig, Marie Bate (Board Commission Clerk).

**MEMBER PRESENT ON ZOOM/AUDIO:** Peter Kujawski

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Amy Breakell of Goshen, CT / President Goshen Business Circle (GBC)

**EXCUSED:** Jon Carroll, Daniel Belmonte (A)

**SEAT ALTERNATE:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by George Motel and seconded by Heidi Koenig to approve January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes. It was voted to accept the motion. Motion carries.

**DISCUSSION OF HOLDING MONTHLY MEETINGS:** To be discussed at a later date. Henrietta stated that we could hold a special meeting prior to next meeting to discuss a project if needed.

**AMY BREAKELL : PRESIDENT OF GOSHEN BUSINESS CIRCLE:** Amy Breakell of Goshen was invited to EDC meeting to discuss how EDC and GBC could work together and help each other out. Discussion regarding what specific things the EDC could do for the businesses in town. Where could the EDC be the most effective? Discussed beautifying the traffic circle, welcome to Goshen signs, plant trees, help with fundraising. Also discussed needing affordable housing for young people (help them stay in Goshen), working with Torrington Chamber of Commerce at a job fair and look at other EDC links. Motion made by Peter Kujawski to have the EDC re-consider signage in Goshen as a beautification project and assistance for business environment. Seconded by Heidi Koenig. Motion carries.

**OTHER BUSINESS: 1. GEORGE MOTEL'S REPORT ON FEBRUARY MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMAN:** George has not heard back yet. George did mention that the State exemption has been increased to \$250,000. **2. NEW BUSINESSES IN GOSHEN:** Henrietta discussed sending out letters to the new businesses (7) on town stationary offering to help them in any way and welcome them to town. Henrietta will ask for funds for this (stamps and stationary).

**NEW BUSINESS :** **1.** Invitation from Goshen Business Circle for board members to attend their meeting on May 2, 2024 at Goshen Players Theater at 7:30 PM for a social and at 8:00 PM to attend "9 to 5" musical. All interested to attend were to respond to Amy and a website was provided. **2.** 2016 Town of Goshen Plan of Conservation and Development dated 8/23/16, pages 21-23 - Economic Development section for the commission to review. Henrietta asked all to review and go over any goals, ideas or recommendations to discuss at next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM in a motion by George Motel and seconded by Heidi Koenig.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bate

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Commission Clerk

**Next meeting August 26, 2024 @ 6PM**

Received April 24, 2024 @ 3:20 P.M.

Attest *Barbara Z. Burr*  
Goshen Town Clerk