

Goshen, CT Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2022 Meeting


This meeting was held in-person at the town hall as well as via Zoom in a recorded meeting.

Members Present: Scott Olson, Chair, Heidi Koenig, Anne Green, William Commerford, Peter Kujawski, Alternate, Jeff Damiano, Alternate,

Public attendees: Marie Bate, Bernard Harrington, Cindy Barrett and Todd Carusillo

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:00.
- B. Motion to approve minutes of December 20, 2022 meeting made by H. Koenig and seconded by A. Green. Motion passed.
- C. It was discussed by Scott Olson that any member wishing to be heard at this or any future EDC meetings does not need to wait until a specific public comment section on the agenda. It was reiterated that a strict public comment policy at town meetings often makes it difficult for the public to get points across, especially if the matter arises after the public comment section on the agenda has closed.
- D. Scott Olson and Peter Kujawski reported to the commission and the attendees on behalf of the Broadband Advisory Committee that Goshen will be getting high-speed fiber internet. Installation will begin in the near future and this is great news for the people of Goshen and the business sector of Goshen. Todd Carusillo went on to report that he is in constant communication with Optimum and will keep us all up to date with the progress he continues to make with this project.
- E. It was decided by the commission that all EDC members will be available as an EDC/Town liaison to any prospective business settlers who come to the town inquiring about establishing a new business in town. A contact list of all members will be given to anyone who inquires with the town clerk, first selectman's office and the land use office.
- F. Scott Olson reported that one of the commission's goals is to accomplish at least one material item/issue every month. It is important as a commission that when ideas surface and are discussed at the monthly meetings, they do not get tabled and eventually lost. At the end of 2022, we will be able to look back and see an itemized list of the committee's progress.
- G. Heidi Koenig reported that she would like to revisit the "Welcome To Goshen" sign proposal and would make some inquiries on cost estimates.
- H. Todd Carusillo advised the commission that he just attended a State of CT seminar and one of the issues discussed was trying to overcome the labor shortage. He suggested that the EDC put on a job fair to encourage the town's youth to engage in employment.

- I. It was discussed among the commission that a collaboration between the EDC and the Goshen Business Circle would be beneficial to the business climate in Goshen. Bernard Harrington commented that engagement between the two entities only seems like a natural fit, and he was in favor of such. Peter Kujawski volunteered to reach out to the GBC board and initiate the connection.
- J. Cindy Barret commented that having business represented in a Welcome to Goshen packet could be beneficial to Goshen's commerce and that at one time there was such a listing given to all new Goshen residents.
- K. Motion to adjourn at 6:45pm by Anne Green, seconded by Heidi Koenig. Motion to adjourn passed.


SCOTT OLSON

Received Feb. 24, 2022 @ 9:40 AM

Attest Brian Z. Buer
Goshen Town Clerk