

GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

January 23, 2023 6:00 PM

In Person and Zoom

PRESENT - Scott Olson, Philip Koenig (Alternate), John Carroll (Alternate), Heidi Koenig, Neil White, Marie Bate **ZOOM:** Henrietta Horvay, Peter Kujawski, and Todd Carusillo.

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Olson called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Heidi Koenig and seconded by Neil White to approve December 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes. It was voted to accept the motion. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: Stone/Material Yard: At last month's meeting many business ideas were discussed. Phillip Koenig had stated it would be great to have a stone yard business in Goshen (bark, mulch, stone, gravel and sand). Scott looked into the existing regulations. A new regulation will need to be proposed. Scott asked Philip if he could assign him to this job and Philip agreed. Philip will contact Land Use Officer/Marty Connor and set up a proposal for a regulation for this to be an approved business.

NEW BUSINESS: a.) Scoville Park at Town Hall: Scoville Park is a very small historic park between Town Hall and a private house. It is part of the former Scoville Furnace site, with an old chimney there as a reminder. The property is maintained by the Town (since 1964) but belongs to the Catholic Church (St. Thomas). Todd Carusillo and Henrietta Horvay are working on negotiating with the church to turn/sell the property to the Town. Henrietta stated that the new priest is talking to the Archdiocese regarding this. She will touch base with him next week. Todd would like to put up a pavilion on the property. He feels this would attract people from out of town, which would promote the well-being of business in Goshen. Todd stated that we could use the pavilion for a year round farmers market, outdoor meetings for the town and many other activities. Scott is in favor of above. Scott would like the commission to take a position on this.

b.) New Commercial Business Ideas for Goshen in 2023: John Carroll brought up the idea of a small factory type business such as stamping steel (similar to metal roofing). It would provide a livelihood and not be aggressive to the environment. He was wondering if that would fall under Small Scale Manufacturing. Some discussion regarding Small Scale and Home Business took place. Todd Carusillo did not think there was a difference between that and seamless gutters (same type of business). He will check with Marty Connor on this. Scott Olson stated there was a regulation written specifically for commercial property. This might fall under Home Base Business.

Philip Koenig discussed Spot Zoning which is regulated by federal and state laws.

Todd Carusillo mentioned to Scott how Winchester uses Winchester Chatter to advertise their businesses and we might want to do a similar platform, like FB or Instagram. Scott will have this on next month's agenda for discussion.

c.) Commercial Garbage Collection in Goshen: No action on this yet. BOS discussed a few weeks ago how the town is footing the bill for a portion of this (tipping fee). Scott explained that there are 2

charges with garbage pick-up. 1 - The truck comes and picks up your garbage and takes it to Torrington, then 2 - The Town pays a fee (tipping fee) to have the garbage taken to Hartford – and it is by weight and is very costly. Scott discussed that as a commission we should offer a position, as we are pro-business and for the people. It is also the First Selectman's job to keep prices down for the Town. Henrietta spoke of her involvement in solid waste and recycling when she was Selectman in Goshen 30 years ago. She said there were not as many businesses in town at that time and Goshen did their own recycling. And, did you know, she even rode the recycling truck as recycling coordinator 3 to 4 times a year!! John Carroll asked if the commission members could have a copy of the ordinance governing recycling and trash to help them form a position on this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Todd Carusillo addressed John Carroll's question above. This decision/position is in regards to the ordinance needing to be updated. Todd stated that in Title 51 the last paragraph states that if you don't follow the rules and regulations regarding your trash pick-up you could be fined \$1,000. The problem remains – who would monitor it?

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM in a motion by Henrietta Horvay and seconded by Heidi Koenig.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bate

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Commission Clerk

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Attest Barbara L Breen
Goshen Town Clerk