

**GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2021 – 7:00PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

PRESENT: Anne Green, William Commerford, Todd Carusillo, Chris Sanders, George Szydowski,

EXCUSED: Clint Thorn, and Heidi Koenig

OTHERS: Guest, Judy Armstrong, Dick Felton, Cindy Barrett and Dawn Wicks

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Anne Green called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Chris Sanders and seconded by Todd Carusillo to approve February 22, 2021 minutes and amend with date correction of meeting from January 25, 2021 to February 22, 2021, it was VOTED to accept the motion. Motion carries.

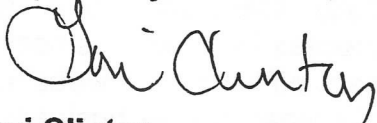
3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. EDC COVID Economic Business Survey Update: Chris Sanders updated everyone with the completed summary survey that was attached to agenda and indicated that there is a published document that goes into more detail on the survey and he suggested that this be shared with board and published to community. The CB Zone was discussed how Goshen can make it more of a streamlined and smoother process for small businesses to open in town. It was decided that the Board will discuss this further in May after everyone reviews the detailed survey results.
- b. Proposed Zoning changes for businesses: Todd Carusillo made a recommendation that streamlining the application process for small business with detailing the process and perhaps having a check off list on the website would help as well as announcing on Town website when a new business comes into town would be helpful. William Commerford indicated that whatever business comes into town needs to look like Goshen and perhaps go under review with an architectural review board. Anne Green said that may make residents feel more comfortable. William Commerford reiterated that having more information on Town website would make things easier. Anne Green suggested a motion in regard to CB Zone, but it was decided that it would be better to work with Marty Connor and P&Z to make that motion to streamline the CB Zone and adding more business types to the approved use list. Anne Green commented that she would come up with a way to reword for P&Z.

Motion made by Todd Carusillo and seconded by William Commerford to look over the draft before sending over to P&Z, it was VOTED to accept the motion. Motion carries.

- c. Northern Hills COG Regional EDC Update: Chris Sanders spoke on the meeting he attended on March 24, 2021. Discussed was Discover Litchfield Hills and how it focuses more on bringing people outside of Goshen to local businesses rather than residents. Broadband was discussed and the idea of satellite internet may be better, and Goshen should be open minded about 5G. NWC College is doing a free web series on entrepreneurship for anyone looking to start a business.
 - d. Old Business: Traffic coming thru town was discussed and how Goshen can best promote local businesses to draw that traffic in how to produce sustainable traffic. Anne Green asked if anything going into Village Marketplace. There had been interest, but nothing came out of that.
- 4. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
 - 5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
 - 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment made.
 - 7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM in a motion by Todd Carusillo and seconded by William Commerford.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Clinton
Commission Clerk

Received May 6, 2021 @ 11:34 A.M.

Attest Beverly Z. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk