To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting – Via Zoom # 930 3674 1389

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call In-person: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Commission members: Ron Coderre, Lee Konicki, Tony Chabot, and Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre. Chairman opened meeting at 8:20 am

Attended via Zoom: Commission member Dawn Krasnecky

1.Approval of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021*: Member Konicki motioned to approve the April 13, 2021, noting one error under Updates: item f) the "r" was left out of word Farmer's, meeting minutes, as submitted, seconded by Member Coderre, motion passed.

2.Report of Expenditures - April 2021: Expenditures were reviewed.

3.New Business: None

4.Old Business:

a) Blight Discussion/Mayor Seney: Mayor Seney passed around a copy of the current list of Redevelopment/Economic & Community Development Fund Accounts. The Town budget includes some funding for blight. The usage of some Economic Development Trust Fund/Redevelopment funds are being proposed for blight usage. Further information and discussion necessary. Member Coderre shared a news clipping on blight with the Commission members.

b) I-Park PowerPoint Presentation: A PowerPoint presentation was shown on the businesses located within the Putnam Industrial Park. PowerPoint slides contained information on each business such as Name, address, lot number, acreage, year business established, number of employees currently, brief description of what the business does, and tax liability, as of the 2019 grand list. Presentation was well received. It was suggested each building's square footage be added. Presentation will be shown to the Board of Selectmen.

5. Updates: Ribbon Cuttings:

Director thanked Member Coderre for attending the Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting for Nikki's Dog House. Windows Art Gallery has requested a Ribbon Cutting for their recent move to corners of Canal and Pomfret Street, basement floor of 112 Main Street building. Invitation will be emailed to all members once details are received.

Public Participation: None

<u>Adjournment*:</u> Member Konicki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Chabot, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre

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