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**TOWN OF PUTNAM  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

**Date: February 11, 2020**

**Time: 8:30 a.m.**

The Putnam Economic Development Commission met for a Regularly Scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in the Economic & Community Development (ECD) Office conference room, 156 Main Street, Putnam, CT 06260.

Meeting opened at 8:41 a.m.

Commission member Pikora left at 8:55 a.m.

Mayor Seney left at 9:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Barney Seney, Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Vice-Chairman Lee Konicki, Commission Members: Paul Pikora and Jim Northridge, and Assistant Jackie Lefevre.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2020\*:** Lee Konicki motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2020, seconded by Jim Northridge, motion passed.

**REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 2020:** January 2020 expenditures were reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **I-Park Lots 7 and 8:** Lot 7 is privately owned by Dr. Zeller of Rhode Island. Lot 8 is town owned which was cleared and grubbed years ago; however, process needs to be done again. Caroline Trotta, of Lyman Realty has reached out to the Director about these two lots. Discussion ensued. Suggestion arose for Ms. Trotta of Lyman Realty to assist in selling Lot 7 and 8.
- b) **The Q Signage:** Director shared an idea has come forth for signage at entrance of the Quinebaug Regional Technology Park entrance. She shared a prototype. The Q in the sign would be comprised of rusty metal such as the art piece the Dog displayed at the dog park. The signage would assist with marketability of the lots. Director approached Mr. Jeff Rawson, of Rawson Materials about assisting with signage. Mr. Rawson expressed he is willing to contribute funding either by an agreement or a donation. Cost estimates for lighting, cost of sign, easement etc. will be gathered by the ECD Director.

c) **Manufacturing Open House – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 to 8 pm:** The Director and Steve Lapointe, Director of Manufacturing Technology Center at Quinebaug Valley Community College, are coordinating an open house on April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 5 and 8 pm. The open house will provide an opportunity for area high school students and their parents to visit individual Manufacturing facilities to experience manufacturing first-hand. To date, ten Putnam manufacturing facilities have signed up to participate. The Director shared there will be a need for volunteers. Some of the members expressed their interest to volunteer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **Wayfinding – 112 Main Street:** Director updated the status.
- b) **Appraisals- The Q** Director read aloud the comparisons from the original appraisal performed to the current appraisal completed on the available lots. A few have noticeable differences and she intends to contact Platt Associates to gain knowledge on the differences. The Assistant noted to email the members an ending comparison from original appraisal to most recent.

**UPDATES:** Director recently met with Trish Paesani, State of CT DECD. Discussion was on the recent DECD Commissioner and his approach to Economic Development. Due to time constraints the Trail Committee update will be at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further items to lawfully come before such meeting, Jim Northridge motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lee Konicki, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectively Submitted by Jacqueline A. Lefevre, Recording Secretary

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