## **Town of Burlington**



## MINUTES OF MEETING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020, 7:00PM, VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commission members in attendance were Michael Androw, Kevin Bair, Sharon Farmer, Tod Kallenbach, Vince Lambri, and David Wrabel. Also in attendance were First Selectman Ted Shafer and Dwight Harris (public).
- II. Public Comment: Mr. Harris declined public comment but requested to speak during the item IV. discussion below.
- III. Review/Approve minutes of September 14, 2020 meeting: the minutes were unanimously approved
- IV. Update: Library Lane Property Purchase: Kallenbach and Shafer reported that an 8-24 referral to Planning & Zoning Commission at the October 8th meeting was approved. Final approval of the purchase and sale agreement next requires voting by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. Mr. Harris, as manager of the two LLCs that presently own the property, commented that his offer to sell to the Town is his preference. He stated that having the Town own the property will provide control to implement development in accord with the Village Center Plan of Development that was designed by a collaboration of Town boards and commissions, property owners, and public representation of Burlington residents and business owners. Lambri commented that having mixed use development on the property (commercial and residential) would be beneficial, citing Greenway Commons in Southington as an example.
- V. Update: Planning & Zoning Commission Advisory Committee: 276 Spielman Highway Development Application: Kallenbach and Androw reported that they are representing EDC on this advisory committee that was formed by request of the Planning & Zoning Commission in response to the property owner's special permit application for development. The committee is scheduled to meet three times prior to presenting its recommendations by the end of the month.
- VI. Updates on other business/property developments: Shafer reported that a State of Connecticut Community Connections grant request to help fund extension of the sidewalk and streetscaping in the Central Business Zone has been approved. He also reported that the Town has applied for the State's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grants to help fund the needed repair of bridges on several Town roads.
- VII. New Business: none was discussed
- VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tod Kallenbach – Chairman, Burlington EDC