



## Town of Burlington

**TOWN OF BURLINGTON, CT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 AT 7:00PM  
BURLINGTON TOWN HALL – SENIOR CENTER**

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Michael Androw, Kevin Bair, Todd Coleman, Sharon Farmer, Tod Kallenbach, Vince Lambri, David Wrabel, and First Selectman Ted Shafer.
- II. Public Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance.
- III. Review/Approve minutes of June 10, 2019 meeting (note: no quorum at the July/August/September meetings): The minutes were approved by Androw, Bair and Kallenbach; with Coleman, Farmer, Lambri, and Wrabel abstaining, as they did not attend the June 10 meeting.
- IV. New EDC appointments: Sharon Farmer and Vince Lambri: Kallenbach asked that Farmer and Lambri introduce themselves and provide a brief background of their experience; the other committee members then did the same.
- V. EDC Consultant (CERC): Kallenbach and Shafer reported on the work completed by consultant Kevin Bielmeier since he began working with the Town in July. Shafer also reported that Bielmeier has accepted a full-time economic development position with the Town of Southbury. CERC will be reassigning Sadie Colcord as the new consultant for Burlington and she will be working at Town Hall on the first three Mondays of each month, as well as the fourth Tuesday or Wednesday of each month.
- VI. Recap & Update: Farmers Markets & Tavern Day 2019 – participating vendors, planning for next year: Kallenbach reported that a “2019 event wrap-up” meeting was held by the Tavern Day event planning committee on October 12. The majority of the committee will be returning for the 2020 event, with planning to begin in January. Kallenbach also stated that the 2019 Farmers Market vendors would be contacted soon to learn their interest in participating again in 2020. Suggestions will also be requested regarding vendor mix, day/time scheduling, and location/logistical concerns and recommendations.
- VII. Updates on business/property developments: Shafer reported that Pranav Patel, owner of Burlington Spirit Shoppe and Center Spirit Shoppe in Collinsville, made a potential new business presentation to the Planning & Zoning Commission on

October 10. He has purchased a parcel of land at the intersection of Spielman Highway and Library Lane in the Central Business Zone from Johnnycake Properties and plans to construct two buildings with commercial and residential mixed use. One building would potentially be occupied by a wine and liquor store (transfer of the Burlington Spirit Shoppe license) on the ground floor with apartment unit(s) above; the other building would potentially be occupied by a food/convenience market on the ground floor with apartment unit(s) above. Shafer also reported that there has been interest in the former Finnegan's Tavern space in the Burlington Commons shopping center from a local restaurateur. EDC members expressed interest in hearing presentations on a future EDC meeting agenda from each of the business developers, as their plans progress.

VIII. New Business: Kallenbach reported that the Northwest Connecticut Economic Development Commission is seeking a new board representative from Burlington, having accepted a resignation from Peter Bevivino. The time commitment is four morning meetings per year in Torrington. Bair agree to attend and report on the October 16 meeting, as he works nearby.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tod Kallenbach – Chairman, Burlington EDC