

October 13th 2021, 7:00 p.m. EDC Meeting Minutes - Town Hall, 30 Martin Street

- Attendance:
 - Jodi Harris, Martha Mazzarino, Donna Roy, Georgeanne Richards, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki (all in person) and Town Planner Dana Menon by phone conference.
- Meeting called to order at 7 pm, by Chairman Mazzarino.
- Approval of June 8th minutes postponed until next meeting.
- Chairman Mazzarino requested nomination and vote for Jodi Harris to move into chairman position. Georgeanne second, all in favor. Ms. Harris will become Chairman at the next meeting.
- Local Rapid Recovery Technical Assistance Grant Program Update and follow up.
 - Intricate list of focus areas. First choice, downtown lighting. Reviewing and identifying proper grant sources for lighting. After final grant report, Donna requested looking at other areas of focus to work on at the same time.
- Regional Pilot Grant Program Update.
 - Donna reported that Blue Dot platform is ready.
 - Seminars, webinars, one on one business trainings are moving forward. Seminars and webinars are available for future use and review.
 - Marketing, community business, and Essex town videos are available, and well received.
 - Program to continue moving and applying for more grants.
- Update concerning town zoning bylaw study
 - Two-step process for project. Grant will gather preliminary information through March of 2022 and Town will go for additional grant funding for recommendations during 2022.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted, Georgeanne Richards.