

Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022

In attendance: Chair Robert Sharrer, Jeremy Rosner, Clio Nicolakis, Scott Prud'homme, Shawn Flynn, Bryan Marazzi and staff Betsy Yagla.

Mr. Sharrer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Sharrer made a motion to approve the April minutes. Mr. Flynn seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

1. Incentives and zoning – Mr. Sharrer reported that he is hoping to meet with Town Plan and Zoning and 2030 and will report back to the commission.

Mr. Prud'homme expressed interest in working on the abatements and incentives.

2. Signage – Mr. Sharrer noted that this is on hold at the moment.
3. Business district events: Ms. Yagla announced that the Wine and Spirits of Woodbridge store will host an EDC wine tasting on May 18. She also announced that three businesses – Coachman Square, Crest Lincoln and the Shops at 245 Amity – have agreed to host Make Music Day events. She is reaching out to a few more locations.
4. Ms. Yagla announced that the previous night at their meeting the Board of Selectmen voted in favor of the commission's recommendation to enter into agreement with Yiftee for the Woodbridge Bucks program.
5. Updates and announcements: Ms. Yagla announced that the EDC earned a "silver" recognition from the Connecticut Economic Development Association's Best Practices program.
6. In person or virtual meetings
The group agreed to continue meeting in person with a check-in the week prior to the meeting to see if they should switch to virtual. The commission voted to update their meeting schedule to reflect that the commission will meet in person at 6 pm. If they decide to meet virtually that time will revert to 7 pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Sharrer made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Flynn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.