

Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021

Video of the meeting may be found here:

<https://woodbridgect.webex.com/woodbridgect/lr.php?RCID=668eb053bbd54584a191410c923a162b>

In attendance: Chair Jeremy Rosner, Debbie Brander, Donavon Lofters, Brooks Dougherty, Clio Nicolakis and staff Betsy Yagla.

Mr. Rosner called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment submitted for the meeting.

Minutes:

Ms. Brander made a motion to approve the March 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Lofters seconded. Ms. Nicolakis abstained; all others were in favor; the motion passed.

Ms. Nicolakis made a motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Brander seconded. All in favor; the motions passed.

REX Development presentation of CEDS

Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg of REX Development gave a presentation of the update to the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Ms. Malberg explained that REX collected data for the one-year update in February 2020 and then everything changed with the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. The Economic Development Administration asked REX to revisit the region's towns to think about what they would have done differently if they'd known the pandemic was coming.

Suggestions were to help businesses form relationships with local banks and strengthen financial literacy of small business owners.

Goals and priorities

The commission continued the discussion about possible goals for 2021, and agreed to discuss

the survey results and follow-up at the June meeting.

Chair/real estate report

Mr. Rosner reported on the new insurance business, art installation business and soon-to-open wine store.

Adjournment

Ms. Brander made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nicolakis seconded. All in favor; the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.