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Wilton Economic Development Commission

MINUTES - EDC REGULAR MEETING *
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024, 7:15 p.m, Comstock, Room 8

I. Call to Order @ 7:20pm by Joseph Favarolo

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Marty Avallone, John DiCenzo, Joseph Favarolo, Donna Peterson, Peter Squitieri, Tom Shimko, Hillary Springel
First Selectwoman's Office: None
Town Liaison: None
Members Absent: Alison Smith
Members Excused: None
Public Present: Nicola Davies

III. Motions and Votes

A. Approve Minutes of the Feb 14, 2024 meeting

1. Motion: Avallone
2. Second: DiCenzo
3. Opposed: None
4. Abstain: None
5. Vote: 7-0

B. Incorporate the general survey parameters as a working tool at this moment to develop and conduct our annual business survey.

1. Motion: Avallone
2. Second: Peterson
3. Opposed: None
4. Abstain: Squitieri
5. Vote: 6-0-1

C. Establish a subcommittee to finalize the business survey.

1. Motion: Avallone
2. Second: Squitieri
3. Opposed: None
4. Abstain: None
5. Vote: 7-0



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IV. Items Discussed with all members actively participating:

A. Business Survey – Tom Shimko.

1. **Action – Establish subcommittee to finalize survey -Peter, Marty, Tom**
2. **Action – each member to send comments on the draft survey for consideration in Draft 2 and by the sub-committee.**
 - a) **Additions, Amendments, Removals**
3. **Action - Hillary will lead the strategic communication efforts to obtain responses for the business survey.**
4. **Action – Marty to send a list of employers.**
5. **Action – John will share the 2016 EDC Comprehensive Study document.**
6. **Action – Joseph will inquire about the distribution list for the BOF survey.**

B. Business Spotlight Program updated by John DiCenzo.

C. Sign Study and EDC Recommendations Presented to P&Z Meeting on Mar 11th – Marty, John and Joe provided an update to the commission.

1. **Action – Marty will maintain communication with P&Z to ensure the implementation of recommendations by the EDC.**

D. Congressionally Directed Spending Program – Peter Squitieri

1. **Action – Peter will conduct additional review and inquire about deadlines and potential utilization of the program.**

V. Other Member Comments – None

VI. Public Comments - None

VII. Adjournment - by unanimous consent at 9:12pm

Next Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7:15 p.m., Comstock Room 31 / Zoom