

GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

February 24, 2025 6:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PRESENT: Henrietta Horvay, MacKenzey Melk (A), Heidi Koenig, George Motel, Jaclyn Wheeler, Marie Bate (Board Commission Clerk).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Kujawski.

EXCUSED: Daniel Belmonte (A).

SEAT ALTERNATE: Chair seated alternate, Mackenzey Melk. Motion to accept made by Heidi Koenig and seconded by Jaclyn Wheeler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Heidi Koenig and seconded by George Motel, to approve December 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes. It was voted to accept the motion. Motion carries.

REVIEW BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 AND APPROVE: Henrietta mentioned that there is a freeze on all spending in Goshen. She asked if all would agree to put the budget in the same way as last year (\$592.00 clerical wages and \$1,000 Marketing, with a total of \$1,592.00). Motion to accept by Heidi Koenig and seconded by Mackenzey Melk. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. 2016 Town of Goshen Plan of Conservation and Development dated 8/23/2016 – Pages 21-23, Economic Development for the Board Commissioners to review (filed with August meeting). Will discuss further at April meeting. Per George Motel, Ordinance 77 got passed and the State increased their farm exemption another \$200,000. Henrietta made all aware that she spoke to the Town Clerk and requested a copy of the Trade Name Business Report. An updated list is needed so the Plan of Development can be updated when they meet.

NEW BUSINESS: George Motel mentioned that the state offers grants to municipalities at a certain time of year. Tourism has decreased in Goshen since COVID, and possibly a grant could help. Henrietta mentioned that the Waterbury Republican has new owners (Hearst Connecticut Media), and there is not as much local news as in the past. Goshen News is a private paper which comes out the 10th of every month and covers events when notified.

OTHER BUSINESS: MacKenzey Melk had some questions regarding LLC businesses. Short discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None (No one in attendance)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM in a motion by Heidi Koenig and seconded by George Motel.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bate

Marie Bate/Board Commission Clerk

NEXT MEETING APRIL 28, 2025 at 6 P.M.

Received Feb. 26, 2025 11:32 AM

Attest

K. C. Clark

Asst. Goshen Town Clerk