



**The Corporation for New Milford Economic Development
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Held Virtually**

Attending:

Mir Ahmed
Geoff Ball
Pete Bass
Oley Carpp
Adele Connor
Denise DelMastro
Alisha DiCorpo
Liba Furhman
Kristin Gizzi
Holly Hollander
Ray Kostka
Paul Murphy
Mike Nahom

Eli Noam
Ray Oneglia
Ivan Shiffman
Dan Stra
Tony Vengrove
Buck Whiteway

William Taylor
Jennifer Tomaino
Frank Wargo

Also Attending:
Stephanie Barksdale,
Executive Assistant

Absent:

Dean Barile
Pat Hembrook
Christine Martin
Regal Patel
Adam Richichi

1. Call to Order

Chairman Oley Carpp called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Denise DelMastro moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2021. Adele Connor seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Kristin Gizzi moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022. Ivan Shiffman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Change of Fiscal Year

Oley said that due to a lack of a quorum at the January meeting, the Board needed to vote again on the change to the fiscal year again.

A motion was made by Buck Whiteway and seconded by Adele to add "Change of Fiscal Year" to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Eli Noam moved to change the fiscal year to July 1 to June 30. Adele seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

Oley said that he had met with the Mayor and Jason, the Youth Agency Director, at the Maxx. They are trying to maximize commercial use of the building, which has a commercial kitchen.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ray Kostka reported that balances in the accounts are as follows:

- a) Cash Available - \$ 32,436.36
- b) Loan Account - \$ 19,259.33
- c) Façade Account - \$ 3,892.31
- d) TOTAL - \$ 55,588.00

Ray K. said that there are two loans that have been approved, but the funds have yet to be distributed to Bleu on Bank and Dogs Unlimited.

There are two outstanding payments, from Fern Ellie and Sudby. The Board discussed how to deal with these loans. Suggestions were made, including offering to restructure the loans, ticklers and direct contact from Stephanie and/or Ray K.

Tony Vengrove moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Buck Whiteway. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Plan of Action 2022-2023

Oley reviewed the Plan of Action, which had been reviewed by the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. Liba Furhman complimented Oley on the plan, saying it was concise, it was doable, and it was well organized and thought through.

Oley said he reached out to other Board members to join committees but he has yet to hear back from a number of them.

Liba moved that the Board adopt the 2022 Plan of Action. The motion was seconded by Adele and passed unanimously.

7. Community Review

Mayor Pete Bass reported that the Town is working on design plans for a new Public Works facility. There is some interest in the Peagler Hill property for housing, which is ironic since the property was purchased by the Town to prevent a large housing project from locating there.

New businesses continue to open and apply for permits. A large housing project is moving forward. Popeye's has withdrawn because of delay from CT DOT in getting a permit.

There will be a budget referendum on May 17. The projected tax increase is 1.7%

8. Other Business

Oley said that we have applied to become a KIVA trustee. We are also continuing to promote the ARP and Façade grants.

9. Transfer of Funds

Ray K. asked the Board to consider a transfer of funds from the Loan Fund to the Façade Fund in the amount of \$5,000.

Ray K. moved that a transfer in the amount of \$5,000 be transferred from the Loan Fund to the Façade Fund. Liba seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. General Comments

Mike Nahom invited the Board to attend a meeting of New Milford Business.com on May 11th in the morning. CT DECD Commissioner Dave Lehman will be the guest speaker.

Tony said his committee would be meeting the next week.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Adele. The motion was seconded by Buck and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Liba Furhman', written in dark ink.

Liba Furhman, Secretary