

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 18, 2024  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Room 302  
Municipal Center**

**PRESENT:** Val Dumais, Mark Chase, Marc Romanow, Nancy Autunno,

**ALTERNATES:** Timothy Maynard

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cal Hauburger, *Economic Development Coordinator*, Michael Paulhus, *Town Manager*

**ABSENT:** Helen Bergenty

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Val Dumais.

**A motion was made by** Nancy Autunno to elevate Timothy Maynard from Alternate for the purpose of meeting votes.

**Seconded by:** Marc Romanow

**All in Favor 4 to 0** , Motion passes, Timothy Maynard is elevated

**II. Oral Petitions**

None.

**III. Minutes**

**A motion was made by** Marc Romanow to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2023 as written.

**Seconded by** Mark Chase

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Minutes Approved**

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **1. Election of Officers – 2024**

Val Dumais led the discussion of the EDA's need to select a Chair and Vice Chair, per the Town Charter, at the first meeting of the year.

**A motion was made by** Marc Romanow to nominate Val Dumais as Chairperson for the 2024 calendar year.

**Seconded by** Mark Chase

**All in Favor 4 to 0** with no conditions or further discussion. **Motion passes.**

**A motion was made by** Marc Romanow to nominate Nancy Autunno as Vice Chairperson for the 2024 calendar year.

**Seconded by** Timothy Maynard

**All in Favor 4 to 0** with no conditions or further discussion. **Motion passes.**

#### **V. Other Business**

##### **1. 2023 Wrap Up**

Cal Hauburger spoke on a panel for the Central CT Chambers last week with his counterparts from Plymouth, Bristol, Farmington, and Burlington, as well as with DECD Commissioner to be, Dan O'Keefe. In preparation for the meeting, Cal Hauburger put together a wrap up of business activities from 2023, which included statistics on zoning and land use approvals, new construction, commercial space renovation, new business creation, downtown business notes, and updates on the larger projects in Town including White Oak, Americold, and Tomasso's build out on North Mountain Road. These statistics were shared with the group and related questions were fielded by Cal Hauburger from the EDA members.

##### **2. General Update & Discussion w/Town Manager**

The wrap up discussion dovetailed into introductions from the Town Manager to the EDA members. Both Cal Hauburger and Michael Paulhus shared insight into some of the larger projects seen in Town that will continue into 2024. These included efforts to finalize remediation at White Oak, working with CTDOT on the build out of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, and a lengthy discussion led by Michael Paulhus around the Town's goal for a Steering Committee to create a Town logo and slogan, leveraging social

media to bring transparency to Town projects, and the shared vision to increase Plainville's efforts to showcase opportunities in Town to recruit new businesses and help existing businesses grow.

EDA members had a back-and-forth dialogue with Michael Paulhus about his vision for social media efforts, what has been spent to date to accomplish current videos and posts, where he sees this project going and evolving into and who the audience is for these posts and undertakings.

## **VI. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by** Val Dumais to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm.

**Seconded by** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cal Hauburger', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Cal Hauburger  
Economic Development Coordinator