**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**12:00 noon**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**Present: Julie Nash - Ani Chaghatzbanian, Michael Lynch, Paige Miglio, Emily Lucibello, Simon McDonald, Cassandra Schull**

    I.             CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – CHAGHATZBANIAN

  II.        CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS – CHAGHATZBANIAN

   III.            PUBLIC COMMENTS - Please email public comments to: jnash@milfordct.go

   IV.            EDC PROJECT DISCUSSION – CHAGHATZBANIAN

* Show Milford Love – Feb. initiative
	+ President Chaghatzbian reported brief update on conclusion of event and winners will be announced shortly; good response and engagement on socal media.  Asked for feedback
	+ Mike Lynch - mentioned
	+ Paige Miglio mentioned event seemed a bit
* Boaters gift totes
* Planters/Flower pots downtown
* MPI Collaboration for funding

 V.            ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY – NASH

* Review of new business statistics
* Review of housing permits - 2nd most permits in CT
* ARPA Projects and funding - Real estate audit funding solidified for commercial properties in Milford which increases retention and support of local businesses; additionally includes strategic plan to get us back to pre-covid numbers.  March - Small Business and non-profit grant is in the process - eligible up to $10,000, or $50,000 for profit businesses.  Information coming soon.
* Housing Plan is in process which reflects information from Housing Forum
* Influencer Event March 28th at Tribus 6-9pm - panel discussion.

   VI.            STANDING ITEMS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.     TOURISM – MIGLIO

* Arts & Culture events are beginning to be announced and move forward.
* Long Warf is forgoing their lease to present theater in unique spaces.
* Excited for ARPA fund project to get stage at Eisenhower covered
* Milford Peddle Boat will help greatly with tourism
* St. Patrick’s Day Parade is back March 12th, 2022.

B.      CHAMBER - Simon

* Legrify Inspired - Business After Hours tonight
* Event Next Week
* Memorial Day-4th of July Concert Series
* Milfordct.com has events through July - lots upcoming

C.      PERMIT & LAND USE - N/A

D.     VISITATION REPORTS – N/A

VII.            OLD BUSINESS - None to discuss

VIII.          NEW BUSINESS - None

Meeting adjourned 12:45pm - M. Lynch motion to adjourn, 2nd by Michael Crowley.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, 4TH WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022.  2022 Meeting Dates, Wednesdays at 12pm Noon:

• March 23, 2022

• April 27, 2022

• May 25, 2022

• June 22, 2022

• July 27, 2022

• August 24, 2022

• September 28, 2022

• October 26, 2022

• November 16, 2022

• December – No Meeting