

## **Andover Economic Development Commission**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday November 16th, 2023 5:30PM**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

- I. Call to order: at 5:30PM Elaine Buchardt, Cathy Palazzi and guest Elizabeth (Liz) Cargill.
- II. Public Speak- Liz Cargill would like to join the EDC. She is a business owner and has been in town over 16 years. She has a pizza restaurant in Bolton and has a goat grazing business for landscaping.  
Cathy made a motion we accept Liz as an EDC member. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Elaine will let the town clerk know she has joined EDC.
- III. Minutes from October 2023 meeting: Cathy made a motion to accept the minutes from October 2023, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor
- IV. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce- Elaine mentioned that the TCCC had their Evening of Elegance Auction at Georginas on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. They have it every other year. Over AndOver had donated a basket for the silent auction. At this point that is the only Andover business currently a member. We have paid for a new town membership so Elaine can continue to be on the board of directors and on the TCCC EDC board. That way she continues to hear from the other towns what they are doing for economic development.
- V. Andover Farmers Market – at the final market on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Gibson said she was no longer going to be the market master due to other commitments. The AFM committee has not met to discuss it yet, but we will have to regroup in search of a new market master. Ryan Fitch from Fitch Family Farm has expressed interest in having the market on his property on Bunker Hill Rd. Elaine is gathering information to determine where we go from here.
- VI. Andover Welcome Sign- The official proposal for the Welcome to Andover sign was presented to the Board of Selectmen at their regular November meeting. They were pleased with it in general, but started to have some questions about the design. Elaine discussed it with Cathy and Liz and we will work on the design with Art from Arts Custom Signs to come up with the final look. Now that we have the money and the location determined it is time to finalize the design.
- VII. Business Directory update: Cathy is almost done make changes to the directory to reflect the new businesses in town. She will add Liz's goat grazing business, 180 degree Homestead. Cathy will send the new spreadsheet to Elaine to look it over. We will then get it on the town website.
- VIII. Further discussion: We discussed Sustainable CT and Cathy is working on getting town officials involved so we can continue on the certification path.
- IX. Adjourn – at 7:00PM.

