



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Economic Development Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes, Monday, May 22, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.
Shepardson Community Center, Room 26
(approved)

Present: Commissioner David Cappelletti **Also**
Commissioner Nicole Griffin **present**
Chairman Terrence McAuliffe
Commissioner Frank Mirovsky

Excused Commissioner Jesse Langer
Commissioner Mark Petrucci

Absent Commissioner Armando Paolino

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McAuliffe called the meeting to order at about 6:38 pm with roll call and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frank Mirovsky MOTIONED to approve the March 27, 2023 meeting minutes, SECOND by Nicole Griffin and unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

The commissioners discussed feedback from a Special Joint Meeting held May 17th with a member of the Beautification Committee as well as a member of the Greenway Committee and four other Middlebury residents.

Most of the discussion was on revitalizing the dormant Beautification Committee and the discontinued Arts Committee. Members felt that these committees could answer complaints from EDC's 2022 survey that the downtown "Village Center" area of Middlebury didn't look inviting, and that there wasn't anything fun to do in town.

Chairman McAuliffe said some of the people at the special meeting had good ideas, most especially along the Greenway with suggestions from Jennifer Mahr, a

member of that committee. Many other ideas were floated by those participants, with Francis Barton Jr. offering to reorganize the Arts Committee.

Frank Mirovsky asked how EDC could make beautification efforts happen, and McAuliffe said the mission should be to revitalize and reify that committee with “doers.” They could start small, as Ridgefield suggested.

Discussing grants, Nicole Griffin said this was most appropriate for EDC’s mission and David Cappelletti said he would meet with Ed St. John to see how the town approached grants.

McAuliffe said there were several good Greenway suggestions voiced by Jennifer Mahr that looked promising and had offered to pursue.

DISCUSSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

David Cappelletti MOTIONED to adjourn, SECOND by Frank Mirovsky and unanimously voted at about 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence McAuliffe
Chairman—Economic Development Commission
cc. Town Clerk, Commission Members