

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY Economic Development Commission

Special Workshop Minutes, Monday, October 16, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. Shepardson Center Room 16 (approved)

Present:

Also present

Chairman Terrence McAuliffe Commissioner David Cappelletti Commissioner Jesse Langer Commissioner Nicole Griffin Commissioner Frank Mirovsky Commissioner Armando Paolino Commissioner Mark Petrucci

Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McAuliffe called the meeting to order at about 6:40 pm with roll call and pledge of allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Frank Mirovsky MOTIONED to set 2024 meeting dates to the same schedule as 2023. That schedule is the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. SECOND by Armando Paolino and unanimously voted.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

The Commission discussed a warehouse proposal for the old Timex site and adjoining property. The main issue was the lack of details from the developer about the site's specific use and potential tenants. This absence of information made it hard for the commission to fully evaluate the proposal. The commission's role in the review was discussed, focusing on the economic impact and how the proposal fits with the town's character. There were questions about the proposal's compliance with state laws that limit large warehouse developments. The commission looked at a draft report of their findings and concerns. The next step is to ask the developer for more details. If not provided, the commission might recommend the Planning & Zoning Commission to reject the proposal. The initial MINUTES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Monday, October 16, 2023 Page 2

consensus was that the current warehouse plan might not be right for the site. A final decision will be made in the next meeting after further details from the developer are obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole Griffin MOTIONED to adjourn, SECOND by David Cappelletti and unanimously voted at about 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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