

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Economic Development Commission

**Regular Meeting Minutes, Monday November 27, 6:30 p.m.
Shepardson Community Center, Room 26**

Present: Chairman Terrence McAuliffe
Commissioner David Cappelletti
Commissioner Jesse Langer
Commissioner Frank Mirovsky
Commissioner Mark Petrucci
Commissioner Armando Paolino

Also Present: Hugh Sullivan, Registered Architect

Absent Commissioner Nicole Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at about 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frank Mirovsky MOTIONED to approve the October 30 minutes, SECOND by Armando Paolino and unanimously approved.

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW – DESIGN PLANS FOR WIGGLES PET RESORT

Architect Hugh Sullivan presented plans for a 13,120 square foot pet resort facility at 1082 Southford Road in the Gateway Industrial Design District as a permitted use, with details on the building design, layout, capacity, amenities, and intent to fit the character of the area. The store will be owned and operated by Craig and Laura Laaman who reside in Southbury and own other Wiggles stores.

Mr. Sullivan told commissioners the building façade would be of Hardie Plank, a fiber cement siding that is designed to mimic the look of real wood siding. In comments from commissioners, the rendering and design was said to be beautiful, with a residential look not unlike Benson Woods, setting a good tone for the area.

At the conclusion of the review process, a MOTION was made by David Cappelletti, SECOND by Frank Mirovsky and unanimously voted to recommend the proposed building design and site plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Video Project – Chairman McAuliffe reported that a script is in progress and videography is continuing.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McAuliffe announced he would like to step down from that role after January but stay on as a commissioner and secretary, saying he felt it was a good time for someone else to take on the Chairman role.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

David Cappelletti MOTIONED to adjourn, SECOND by Armando Paolino and unanimously voted at about 6:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

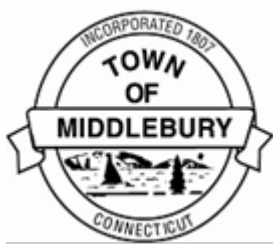
Terrence McAuliffe

Chairman—Economic Development Commission

cc. Town Clerk, Commission Members

Attachments:

Architecture Review Memorandum for Wiggles Pet Resort
Rendering of the building



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Architectural Review

Design Plans for “Wiggles Pet Resort” on 1082 Southford Road

Laura and Craig Laaman, Wiggles Pet Resorts, LLC

Memo to: Terry Smith, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission.

On Monday November 27, 2023, the Economic Development Commission met to review the architectural design for the proposed construction of a dog boarding and dog daycare “Pet Resort” in the Gateway Industrial Design District at 1082 Southford Road.

Professional Architect Hugh Sullivan used site plans and full color renderings lot plan and illustrations package to show the location of the building on Southford Road and the interior and exterior and landscaping design of the facility.

In discussion, the commissioners agreed it was an attractive building of upscale design and a good fit for the Gateway District.

At the conclusion of the review process, a motion was made and the resulting vote by EDC unanimously approved his proposed building design and site plan.

Submitted by:

Terry McAuliffe, Chairman

cc: Hugh Sullivan
Terry Smith, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission
Curt Bosco, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Commission Members

