

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2022, 8:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

- A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Leon Davidoff at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Shari Cantor, Chair; Councilor Leon Davidoff, Chair; Councilor Ben Wenograd; Councilor Mark Zydanowicz; Rick Ledwith, Town Manager; Duane Martin, Director, Community Planning and Economic Development; Tim Mikloiche, Building Inspector; Greg Sommer, Town Engineer; Robert Palmer, Director of Facilities; Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Leisure and Social Services; Laura Irmscher, Director, Library Services; Tecton Architects.

2. Business Items

- A. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2022
- B. Elmwood Community Center Feasibility Study – Town Manager Rick Ledwith gave a background of Tecton’s engagement in the study. He spoke of the teams working with Tecton. He provided an update on the progress to date as well as next steps. The goal is to provide the Town Council with a Feasibility Report this fall with final recommendations but will keep the Committee apprised of progress. Mr. Edward Widofsky of Tecton introduced the team and showed a PowerPoint presentation and stated the presentation can be provided to the Council for review at their leisure. They are to have two more meetings with the Advisory Committee, and there will be two public events in September and October. A Feasibility Report summarizing everything done to date will be provided to the Council in November. Chair Davidoff suggested the Public Information Department, Town staff, and the architectural team produce a program for Channel 5 outlining what was just presented and reach out to local media outlets to promote the program and provide a website for people to contact with ideas. Town Manager Ledwith said they have started talking through some communications they will get out into the community. They will continue the dialogue and there will be more to come in the coming weeks. Ms. Rubino-Turco stated there will be a presentation to the seniors on September 8, and it will be filmed, and it will be up.

3. Staff Reports

- A. Community Development Department – Director of Community Development Duane Martin provided information on a few projects for the Center Infrastructure Project. He presented a preliminary schedule for the project. They are creating a project email and will put information on the Planning Division’s website. They are targeting information to the public as an announcement for the project but also for a gathering targeted for September 20 or 21.

Workshops will be set up with stakeholders for information to go back and forth. He addressed traffic concerns. He stated this is an ARPA-funded project and the planned cost is approximately \$400,000, and the plan is to use ARPA funds for the reconstructions of LaSalle and Farmington. He addressed the CityView upgrade, the Trout Brook Trail Phase 6 project, the Front Street Bridge, FEMA efforts related to flooding, and the status of the bike trail.

4. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items to consider.

5. Adjournment

Chair Davidoff adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

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