



Town of Wallingford
Economic Development Commission
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Special Meeting Minutes
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Present: Joe Mirra, Chair
Rob Fritz, Commissioner
Tim Ryan, Commissioner
Gary Fappiano, Alternate

Absent: Hank Baum, Vice Chair
Anthony Bracale, Commissioner
Dana Quigley, Commissioner
Frank Apuzzo, Commissioner
Patty Powers, Alternate

Others Present: Don Crouch, Economic Development Specialist

Chair Joe Mirra called the Special meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Mirra led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Discussion on Facilitating Community Conversation on Data Centers**

- Chair Mirra provided an overview of the YLB Community Conversation forum and the process. Mirra presented rules for future community conversations. Community Conversation Rules would include: EDC vote, standard format and mail to property owners within 500 feet of the project.
- Crouch stated the forum would include a Welcome by EDC, Presentation by the Company, and a Q&A period facilitated by the EDC. As part of the process, Mirra would like a meeting scheduled with potential companies before the forum to discuss the format, etc. Crouch mentioned this is the forum is the first step in the process. There are multiple steps in the process including zone change, host agreement, PUC agreement, wetlands, and Planning & Zoning special permit site plan approval.
- Commissioner Ryan gave background information on the past data center project. Noise was a big topic for the neighbors. Commissioner Fritz stated it would be nice to real recordings of the noise currently from the highway, etc and what it equates to Db levels.
- Mirra said many data center projects are in the \$200 - \$300 million investment.
- Fappiano made a motion to approve the Community Conversation process as stated earlier. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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- Fappiano made a motion to approve the Community Conversation on data centers in August. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Fappiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.; Ryan seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Don Crouch, Economic Development Specialist