

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 21, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Municipal Center Room 302**

**PRESENT:** The following members were present: Val Dumais, Nancy Autunno, Joseph Klepacki, Mark Chase, Helen Bergenty

**ALTERNATES:**

**STAFF:** Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Coordinator

**ABSENT:** Robert Berube, Ty Cox-Town Council Liaison, Tim Maynard, Marc \_\_\_\_\_  
Romanow (all excused)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Amber Viteri, Recording Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Val Dumais, Chairman

**II. Oral Petitions**

None

**III. Minutes**

**A motion was made to approve the March 21st, 2019 minutes by:** Joseph Klepacki

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**Seconded by:** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor 4 to 0**

**Motion Passes, Minutes Approved**

#### **IV. New Business**

1. **EDA 03/19 #002-** Gregory Guay-SMA Realty-Request for Tax Abatement at 10 Sparks  
\_\_\_\_\_ Street

Mr. Guay, the applicant, was present. Sole member of SMA Realty, LLC acquired established, self-owned companies that did not have the means or planning to expand for the future after the owner's retirement. SMA has acquired and relocated four small manufacturing companies to the 10 Sparks Street location to this point, and plans are in motion to acquire one to two additional manufacturing companies in 2020 and bring them to 10 Sparks Street. That would bring total full-time and part-time employment at the location from 20 to between 40-50 by 2021. Mr. Guay views the abatement as a necessity for small manufacturers like himself, as a way to remain competitive with his national counterparts given the higher cost of doing business in Connecticut.

Helen Bergenty arrived at 7:15pm.

**A motion was made by:** Joseph Klepacki to offer 30% for three years.

**Seconded:** Mark Chase

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

#### **V. Other Business**

1. **White Oak Discussion**

Cal relayed updates on the White Oak project. To date, the first two phases of environmental testing has been completed by LEA. Following some delays this summer, the Town and LEA has recently executed parameters for the third and final stage of

environmental site assessment at the property. As part of the project, LEA has completed three very preliminary and conceptual plans of what type of developments could be possible at the property. Though they are likely to change by the time development occurs at the site, it is encouraging to know that development is seen as possible at the site given the restriction of floodways on the northernmost part of the property. Cal will keep the members up to date on the matter.

## **VI. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by:** Nancy Auttuno to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. \_\_\_\_

**Seconded:** Helen Bergenty

**All in Favor**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,

*Amber Viteri*

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Recording Secretary