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**Economic Development Commission Meeting**

**East Haven Beach House**

**May 12, 2022**

**1. Call meeting to order/roll call**

Chairman Schumitz called meeting to order at 7:15 PM and asked for a roll call.

**Attendance:** Chairman Robert Schumitz, Commissioner Lorrie Maiorano, Commissioner Mohan Chugani, Commissioner John Tarducci.

Absent, Vice chair Joseph Bittner

Also Present: Economic Development Director, Jamie Cuticello, Steve DeLucia, Jay Miles, ETV

**2. Pledge of allegiance**

**3. Approval of meeting minutes from Feb 9, 2022.**

Commissioner Tarducci made a motion to accept meeting minutes from Feb 9, 2022, Commissioner Maiorano 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

**4. Chair Schumitz introduced Jamie Cuticello to the commission and public.**

Jamie Cuticello, Director of Economic Development, introduced himself and his background and discussed what he looks forward to doing in his new position with the Town of East Haven as its new Economic Director.

Commissioner Tarducci stated the commission didn't have much of a meaning in the past, so over the past year and a half we made more of a want and needs list. We worked quite a bit on East Haven's image. Commissioner Tarducci discussed the conversations had with commissioner Maiorano about the video for East Haven's economic development purposes.

Jamie talked about the culture of the town, the need for more spanish accessibility for businesses in East Haven. Jamie mentioned that he was visiting businesses in the west end to start, and other businesses that he has visited since starting his position.

Jamie discussed the mission statement and branding for East Haven.

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### **5. Correspondence**

None available

### **6. ETV**

Chairman Schumitz introduced Jay Miles from ETV and thanked him for coming to tonight's meeting. He also recognized all of his work with the fall festival this past year.

Jay Miles gave a personal introduction of himself to the commission and public. Jay stated, ETV has been in the same location for about 15 years and now has a new location on Main Street, with the help of commissioner Maiorano. Jay talked about how things have changed, and that we have to think differently and take different approaches. He also discussed the yearly assessment that gets done by Frontier, Comcast, Cox and the struggle for funding. Cable subscriptions are dropping. If ETV is going to survive, they need to fit the different landscape, and that's what they are working towards. ETV has some new equipment, and they have new pc's, and a new podcast system.

### **7. Public Comment**

Chairman Schumitz stated, a big part of our town is our chamber of commerce. We need to co-partner with them. Steve DeLucia, VC of the Chamber is here tonight. Bob talked about the good things about East Haven Facebook page and thanked him for coming tonight and his work.

Steve Delucia, Public Comment:

Hemmingway Avenue's old vape shop closed up and has been empty. This is the corner unit of Stop & Shop Plaza. It's a great property to check out. Steve shared his ideas for the type of business that would be great there for East Haven.

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**8. Other Business to come before the committee**

A discussion was had between commissioners regarding the meeting dates moving forward due to a conflict of schedules. The commission and the Economic Development Director, Jamie Cuticello were all in agreement to changing the date for the next month's meeting.

Commissioner Chugani, spoke about business and what's changing in his business and a brief conversation regarding his view for the future of all businesses.

John talked about the recent cannabis meetings that has taken place in the Town of East Haven, meeting minutes for Planning and Zoning are on the Town website.

Chairman Schumitz mentioned the job fair for Avelo at the Library.

Jamie Cuticello added that everyone is always invited to come visit him in the office.

**Close:**

A motion was made by commissioner Maiorano to adjourn, Chairman Schumitz 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina Hedley*

Temporary Clerk