



Town of Wallingford
Economic Development Commission
45 South Main Street, Room 311
Wallingford, CT 06492

EDC PLANNING & ZONING LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL VIRTUAL Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Wallingford, CT 06492

The EDC Planning & Zoning Liaison Committee special virtual meeting was called to order by Chairman Baum at 9:02 a.m. Commissioners Mirra, Wolfe, Baum and EDC Staff Member Ryan were in attendance.

1. Discussion and possible action on September 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes - Joe Mirra made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Wolfe seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.
 2. Discussion regarding Proposed Data Center Text Amendment: Chairman Baum informed the Committee that the Planning & Zoning Commission will have this item on their agenda for meeting dated January 10, 2022. The Wallingford Town Planner has put forth the language in the proposed amendment, the Town has gone out to the public for comment, the document has been amended to reflect any changes and/or updates, and now the PZC is holding a Public Hearing with a potential vote to add data centers as an acceptable use in the IX and I-5 zones.
 - The Committee discussed the most current changes to the proposed amendment. The Committee questioned why the amendment is so granular regarding sound regulations when each application is through Special Permit, and why is the setback listed as 500 feet when the sound expert suggested 350 feet. Staff Ryan stated that he will raise these questions to the PZC and the Town Planner.
 - The Committee discussed why Data Centers in Wallingford. Data Centers address the POCD's long term strategic plan and modernizes/diversifies the grand list for the Town of Wallingford. The POCD is a strategic plan prepared by the town, adopted by the PZC and Town Council...it is EDC's position to follow this specific direction. Data centers do just that.
 - The Committee stressed that this text amendment allows each data center project to apply, and each project will be subject to Special Permit.
1. Next meeting: No meeting scheduled.

The meeting adjourned, by unanimous vote, at 9:32 a.m.

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