

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by the Chairperson of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of Procedure, decorum, timeliness, and suitability shall be followed and enforced.**

1) Call to Order

Chairperson Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

3) Roll Call

Present were Chairperson Mickey Gillette, Vice-Chairperson Serg St. Felix, Commissioners Sierra Davis, Meracus Hernandez, Sheelagh Lapinski and Christopher Napierski. Commissioner Walter Hewitt was absent.

Also, present were Assistant Planner Meredith Badalucca, Mayor Lenny Bunnell, Town Council Liaison Kevin Lathrop, Consultant Robert Santy and Courtney Hendricson, Deputy Director, City of New Haven Economic Development Office.

4) Presentation by Bob Santy and Courtney Hendricson – Fundamentals of Municipal Economic Development – Practical Approaches to Sustainable Growth.

Consultant Santy, a consultant for nine (9) months for the Economic Development Commission, joined by Deputy Director Hendricson, gave a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation was the result of a scan of the Town of Montville conducted by Consultant Santy on what can or cannot be done to promote its economic development and growth. Primary assets, challenges over net 10 years, gamechangers for planning and the future in addition to data that included population density, top 10 industries etc., were contents of the presentation. Roles and responsibilities of the Commission, components of successful economic development i.e., marketing, intergovernmental relations, and increasing value in the community were touched upon. Data comparisons of the Town of Montville to the Town of Norwich and New London County was also highlighted. The presentation concluded with Economic Development, An Act of Choice.

The presentation can be heard in its entirety on the Town of Montville website, Meeting Recordings. Copies of the same were emailed to the Commission. In addition, a copy of the presentation is available for review at the Department of Land Use and Development f/k/a Planning and Zoning.

5) Adjournment

**MOTION** by Commissioner Lapinski; seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Voice vote: 6-0-0, all in favor. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**