ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORINATOR'S REPORT 1/19/2023
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1. Congresswoman Jahanna Hayes has announced that Watertown will receive $6,350,000 in federal grants, $3,000,000 of which will be earmarked for Road Safety, which will could include the improvement of sidewalks in both downtown Watertown and Oakville. The remaining money was earmarked for the police department for future communications money.

2. Attended a meeting with the congresswoman and other town officials to provide the congresswoman with a tour of downtown and the police department.

3. Attended a meeting with another possible tenant for the large parcel Echo Lake Road project.

4. Realized that EDC has $15,000 in this year's budget to start the implementation of the façade improvement program earlier than the anticipated July 1 date. This needs to be approved by the EDC.

5. Held first round EDC reviews of the 2022-23 budget with the Town Manager and the Director of Finance.

6. Finished up the discussions for a new Watertown Logo, a copy of which is attached here.

7. Received for approval the proof videos from CGI which will replace and update the current video tour on our website. I will review the new videos with town officials and offer my proposed changes, if any, for final approval and production.

8. The potential developers of the former Heritage Woods property on Bunker Hill and New Wood roads held an informal meeting with the Planning and Zoning commission to reveal their plans for development of the approximately 200 acres of property.

9. Had a request from a small businessperson to take over an existing spa business and directed them to the Planning and Zoning Commission for necessary approvals.

10. Planning and Zoning continued (with the applicant's permission) the public hearing zoning change for the former Sealy property until their February meeting.

11. Planning and Zoning approved plans for an electric automobile charging station for ION bank on the corner of Bunker Hill and Straits Turnpike.