Minutes not yet approved.
Approval and any edits to be made in succeeding minutes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, 8:30 A.M.
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM

Members Present: Bonnie Bercowetz; Tricia Martin; Vivian Nabeta (joined at 8:44 am)
Members Absent: Siddiq Abdullah

Also Present: Lynda Laureano, Assistant Director of Building and Land Use; Denise Robidoux, Justin LaFountain and David Driver of Goman + York on behalf of the Town of Bloomfield; and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary.

I. Call to Order

Chair Bercowetz called the meeting to order at 8:37am. There was not a quorum, so no official business took place.

II. Approval of Minutes

a. May 12, 2026

Chair Bercowetz postponed the approval of the minutes due to lack of quorum.

There was a moment of silence for Commissioner Firger, who sadly passed away. A Celebration of Life will be held in September.

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III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Commission Member Updates

None.

VI. EDC Consultant Reports (Goman + York)

a. May 2026 Report
b. June 2026 Report

There will be an upcoming meeting between Bloomfield officials and the new CEO of Cigna, noting that this is the first time they were able to secure a meeting with the CEO in the last ten years. Mr. Colman explained that the relationship changed significantly when Connecticut General changed to Cigna. Ms. Robidoux agreed to send Chair Bercowetz background information about the CEO, including a recent overview from Hartford Business Journal.

VII. Town Planner Report

a. POCD Update

Mr. Colman stated that Planning staff is working to finish the introduction and summary chapters. The goal is to submit the completed document to Goman + York by the end of next week, allowing them to produce a draft book by early August for potential action at the August TPZ meeting.

b. Town Development Update

The Building and Land Use Year-End Report was reviewed. When asked about apartment development pace, Mr. Colman indicated that while several projects are in progress, he expects development to slow down after this current wave.

c. Town Center Update

Ms. Robidoux stated that the Town has applied for $12 million in CIF grant funding for acquisition, demotion and environmental testing. Mr. Colman stated that an RFP will be put out in the next few weeks for a developer partner. Chair Bercowetz requested that this be advertised to the public.

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VIII. Continued discussion on Granby/Tobey TIF District

Chair Bercowetz announced that the Town Council approved $5,000 for a branding proposal with ARTfx, with initial concepts expected in two to three weeks.

IX. Public Comment

None.

X. Updates

None.

XI. Adjournment

Due to a lack of quorum, there was no formal adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52am.