

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER ROOM 111/MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

TAX POLICY / FEES COMMITTEE COMBINED MEETING

April 3, 2023

FEES COMMITTEE

PRESENT Chair Harry Amadasun, Awet Tsegai

ABSENT Travis Simpson

TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT Chair Angie Parkinson (via Teams), Don Bell

ABSENT Travis Simpson

ALSO Eileen Buckheit, Development Director  
PRESENT Connor Martin, Chief of Staff  
Rich Kehoe, Chair, East Hartford Town Council  
Gary Patel, Asset Manager for Kautilya East Hartford Hotel, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parkinson and Chair Amadasun called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS

363 Roberts Street

Chair Amadasun stated that the purpose of the combined meeting is to review the fees and tax policy surrounding development at 363 Roberts Street and to review documents provided for the purpose of justifying a fees reduction on the property.

Director Buckheit shared that this is the second meeting regarding a fees reduction on the property. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Fees Committee approved a motion to recommend that the Town Council approve a 50% reduction for 363 Roberts Street in Building and Fire Marshal fees, not to exceed \$200,000 in total reduction of fees. Since that meeting, Gary Patel, Asset Manager for Kautilya East Hartford Hotel, LLC has provided additional documents regarding the financing of the project as well as a proposed lease agreement with Starbucks, LLC that has yet to be signed.

The Director also provided a memo from Goman and York, the Town's on-call development counsel which stated an opinion and recommendations after reviewing the documents. The Director confirmed that the building permit fee is set at \$364,500 on the property currently.

