



Chat Log for CMSC Webinar 4/7/2021: Advocating for Main Street

00:41:44 Bill Kraus:

I would like to see subsidies for market rate housing in downtowns where rents are low. Ideally, it would be modeled on the State historic tax credit, which is an efficient, effective and comparatively easy to use incentive.

00:46:53 Steve Vavrek Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT:

Being newly appointed to the CT Realtors Engagement Board, we also share ideas with our Legislators. How can we work better together? I work with many Commercial Realtors that work with our various EDC Directors and town and state folks and would love to work more with you.

00:49:20 Lauren Coakley Vincent: Yeah, Jenn!!

00:53:29 Peter Souza:

Thank you for this session. I'd like to suggest that the State re-establish the Main Street Investment Fund grant program. This was created via PA 11-1 (section 78 and 79)

00:53:35 Bill Kraus:

I would also like to see the State historic tax credit increased to 40% or more for targeted, lower-rent downtowns and for smaller downtown buildings. The idea being that the State HTC alone would be enough to achieve financial feasibility (ie fill the 'gap'). Utilizing multiple subsidies slows development and increases up-front and total development costs. And it's typically not feasible to use multiple subsidies for small projects at all. This will help existing small building owners and small developers invest in our smaller downtowns

00:58:51 Lauren Coakley Vincent:

It would be so helpful to bring back funding for façade and storefront improvement grants to be administered by the state to local downtown groups or economic development offices

01:18:31 Rep Q. Phpps: quentin.phipps@cga.ct.gov

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01:19:32 CT Main Street Center:

Or to find your local legislators: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp>

01:19:39 Jane Garibay: jane.garibay@cga.ct.gov

01:19:48 Rep Q. Phpps: (860) 830-5407

01:19:55 Jane Garibay: 860-882-8842

01:22:58 Steve Vavrek Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT:

everything starts with and should go through your FS, mayor or Town Manager

01:25:00 Steve Vavrek Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT: COST

01:28:49 CT Main Street Center:

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01:29:05 CT Main Street Center:

CMSC Workshop Archive:

<https://ctmainstreet.org/education-resources/education-2/workshop-archives/>

01:29:27 CT Main Street Center:

May 11, 2021 - Vacant Property Strategies: Turning the Lights Back On

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=yk5qklbab&oeidk=a07ehom3n2bc818b02a>

01:30:11 CT Main Street Center:

MSA Conference: <https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/mainstreetnow/now2021>

01:31:30 CT Main Street Center:

Please complete this brief survey: <https://forms.gle/rZC42aZX7moYEiTd8>

01:31:44 Beverly Balaz: Great Meeting - thank you very much!