



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center- Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: Michael Boyle, Chairman, Bonnie Brown, Sharon Straiton, Noel Gill & Kevin McMahon. Also in attendance was Janice Chrzescijanek, Economic Development Director .

Michael Boyle opened the meeting at 4:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to amend the minutes of November 19, 2014 to include the following;

Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Roy Steiner to ask Martin Lawlor , attorney for the EDC to review the notes and changes requested at the Public Hearing and come back to the EDC in two weeks with a final draft. Vote, all in favor.

Bonnie Brown made a motion to approve minutes with the revision, seconded by Kevin McMahon. Vote, all in favor, minutes approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Roy Steiner to continue with the same officers and positions they hold. Mike Boyle, Chairman; Roy Steiner, Vice Chairman; Jay Streaman, Treasure. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE: Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to schedule the 2015 EDC meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 4 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

CLARKE BUSINESS PARK: Mike Boyle explained due to recent events the Economic Development Commission would draft letters to the Clarke Park Business owners explaining regulations have been lifted and deed restrictions are no longer in effect. The Charge of the Economic Development Commission has not changed; the Economic Development Commission is still in charge of the

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economic wellbeing. The Economic Development Commission will continue to communicate and survey businesses and give input to Planning and Zoning. They have no enforcement but will continue to participate in getting good development in the park. Sharon Straiton asked if the Economic Development Commission pays for lights, signage, and tree replacement. Mike Boyle explained that the Economic Development Commission can enhance but is not legally obligated. The Town has the ultimate ownership and responsibility. The Economic Development Commission and the Director will continue to focus on Clarke Park but also the Town of Bethel.

13 TROWBRIDGE DRIVE- RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL / SIGN OFF: Mike Boyle explained Mitch Gross had come to the Economic Development Commission with a right of first refusal for one million and seventy five thousand dollars. Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by, Bonnie Brown to exercise the right of refusal. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

INVOICES: Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by, Bonnie Brown. to approve the invoice from Milone & MacBroom, dated November 25, 2014 in the amount of \$3,900.00. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Kevin McMahan made a motion, which was seconded by, Sharon Straiton to approve the invoice #14-12 dated December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$5,321.25 to Martin J. Lawlor, Jr. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Economic Directors Report: Janice Chrzescijanek reported the 2014 end of year highlights and new initiative for 2015. She requested someone from the board participate with a committee to help with the development of a community website. Mike Boyle asked the status of the Clarke Park Signs and Janice Chrzescijanek explained she was seeking vendors. Mike Boyle, on behalf of the Economic Development Commission thanked Janice Chrzescijanek for her hard work.

ADJOURN: As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by, Kevin McMahan to adjourn the meeting at 4:50. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dionne Craig