



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: Michael Boyle, Chairman, Kevin McMahon, Sharon Straiton, Jay Streaman, and Bonnie Brown.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Boyle called the Special Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Minutes of April 25, 2012: tabled as there was no quorum of those present at the April 25th meeting.

Clarke Park Regulation Review Update: Final comments are due from members and once received will be included for review by all members.

Clarke Sign Update: The sign has been installed and it looks great. Landscaping is coming very soon; there was an issue with bees that the landscaper will dig out first and then put in a small flower bed. The electrical box will be moved shortly.

Probably in late June there will be a park rededication ceremony; park occupants, state and local representatives and the family members from both the McCollam and Clarke families will be invited.

Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to approve the wording of the plaque honoring Chad McCollam to read “In honor of Charles “Chad” McCollam, Jr. for his vision and commitment to the Clarke Business Park and the Town of Bethel, 2012” subject to approval of the family members. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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Economic Development Commission position: Bonnie Brown reported that she had conversation with the town HR representative; committee members will meet again to continue discussion of the job description, goals, metrics, etc.

Economic Outreach Committee update: Michael Boyle reported that additional Bethel signs are anticipated to be placed shortly. There is a Public Hearing on June 4th to address the sewer allocation; this is an important part of any economic development initiative. The current allocation is limited; the Public Utilities Commission is looking to create a sewer bank. The Town of Bethel is still looking into the revamping of the town website.

Invoices: Jay Streaman made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to approve payment in the amount of \$4,733.95 for an invoice dated March 31, 2012 to Lauretano Sign Group for the park sign. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on today's agenda, Jay Streaman made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary