

ECONOMIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center -Meeting Room "A"

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Present: Chairman, Mike Boyle, Robert Stosser, Anthony Rubino, Mike Struna, and Bonnie Brown

Absent: William Shannon, Roy Steiner, Paul Rinaldi, and Sandi Forman.

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Stosser made a motion to accept the minutes of August 28, 2012; the motion was seconded by Bonnie Brown. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Brochure Update: Chairman Boyle reported that the Town has gone to contract with a new Webmaster. This will help to move forward the posting of the brochure. Sandi Forman and Mike Struna will act as liaisons to provide information to be published on the Town's website to the Town's new host.

Economic Development Position:

Chairman Boyle noted that he is scheduled to appear before the Board of Finance on November 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM. He will present an update on both the Economic Development Commission and the Economic Outreach Committee and discuss the new position.

EDC Update:

There is none at this time.

Old Business: As homework during the last meeting, Chairman Boyle asked that all members come prepared to discuss 5 suggestions for the Committee to work on moving forward. He has also asked this of the Economic Development Commission as well. (EOC Member Bob Stosser has made his suggestions, see attached). This will be a point of focus during the next meetings.

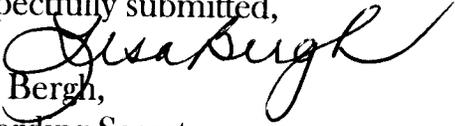
New Business: Chairman Boyle updated the Committee on his attendance at the CEDS meeting in Danbury. A contract was awarded to a consulting company to provide a Comprehensive Extensive Development Strategy. Mike was made Chairman of the Steering Committee for this project; this will help to keep Bethel in the forefront. It will be a year long project.

Bonnie Brown made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Mike Struna. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Outreach Committee will be November 27, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary



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PRIORITIES FOR BOTH EDC AND EOC

3 messages

Robert Stosser <rjsgrow@sbcglobal.net>

Wed, Oct 24, 2012 at 8:50 AM

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Here are my suggestions. They are not listed in order of importance-they are equally important.

1. A workshop for all town department heads must be held stressing making town hall "business friendly".
2. Create a package of entitlements for new businesses as part of sales process-we should not lose businesses to other towns. Today, that is accepted too easily.
3. ALL members of both commissions to meet with and support new hire Economic Development Director.
4. Deliver a clear message to all BOF members-"Repetitive mill rate is product of top line. Growing the grand list should be #1 priority instead of current focus on cutting expenses".
5. Eliminate all partisan members of boards. It is unhealthy to have a political motive instead of a motive to do the best for the town and ALL of its citizens. In my opinion, we have a very fair minded, non-partisan EOC.

Regards, Bob Stosser
