



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

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PRESENT: Michael Boyle, Chairman, Sharon Straiton, Kevin McMahon, Jay Streaman, Bonnie Brown, and Erik Andersen. Also in attendance was Janice Chrzescijanek, Economic Development Commission Director.

Also attending the meeting was Land Use & Conservation Counsel Peter Olson, and Chip McLaughlin representing Moncrete Step Company. Attorney Daniel O'Grady was also present.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Boyle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comments - Attorney Peter Olson addressed the Commission, requesting that they reconsider the request of Moncrete Step to allow a crematorium as a permitted use in the Clarke Business Park. He spoke to the benefits to the company, discussed the intended operation of the facility along with any environmental concerns. He advised that he has had conversations with the Zoning Department and the Planning & Zoning Commission about the potential of changing the zoning regulations to include a crematorium as an accepted use but that since it is not an accepted use in the Rules & Regulations of the park; the Economic Development Commission would have to include it in their regulations. Attorney Olson had prepared a zone text amendment outlining a crematory facility and its related guidelines.

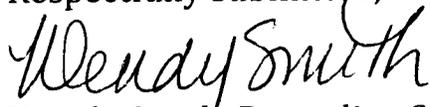
Commission members thanked Attorney Olson and Mr. McLoughlin and advised that they would consider the request.

Approval of Minutes: Kevin McMahon made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to accept the minutes of March 23, 2013 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Abstaining were Sharon Straiton and Erik Andersen as they were not in attendance.

Economic Directors Report: Janice Chrzescijanek presented her report and included information on the activities, programs and various initiatives that she has been coordinating. Among the many activities, she noted the continuation of meeting with the downtown property owners, attendance a various functions, coordination of various publications and much more. She noted the luncheon scheduled for October 30th with State DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith; a good turnout is anticipated.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on today's agenda, Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary