



Economic Outreach Committee

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Minutes of Regular Meeting

**PRESENT:** Michael Boyle, Chairman, Pat Smithwick, Roy Steiner, Paul Rinaldi, Michael Struna, Bonnie Brown, Sandi Foreman and Tony Rubino.

**Call to order:** Chairman Boyle called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes 07-26-2011 – Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Smithwick, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Sub-committee Updates/Reports:**

Pat Smithwick reported that she met with CEDS – she noted that federal funds may possibly be eliminated.

Roy Steiner offered that he feels that Bethel does not seem to be getting the publicity it deserved. Discussion took place regarding ways to get the word out about Bethel, i.e. internet, social media, reporters, etc.

Paul Rinaldi gave an update on the signs. He anticipates the signs to be installed within the next 2-3 weeks.

Mike Boyle reported on the recent meet & greets with the First Selectman and downtown property owners; there will be a follow-up meeting in September. Bobbi Jo Beers from the Chamber will be setting up other meet & greets with different groups. He advised that the First Selectman will be looking into a regulatory/building fee comparison with other municipalities.

He also discussed a meeting held with himself, Economic Development Commission Attorney Daniel O’Grady, Economic Development Commission

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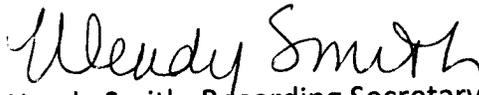
member John Holbrook, Town Planner Steven Palmer and Wendy Smith, Project Coordinator for Economic Development Commission. Among other things discussed, a mailing list will be compiled and a letter will be prepared to be sent to the state to develop a parcel in the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park.

Sandi Foreman reported that the students will be finishing up the brochure once school starts. They expect that it may not be completed until year end.

Discussion took place regarding the reviews of the sewer allocation. Roy Steiner has volunteered to serve on any committee/group that addresses the sewer allocation.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Pat Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Struna, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary