



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: Michael Boyle, Chairman, Jay Streaman, Bonnie Brown and Roy Steiner. Also in attendance was Janice Chrzescijanek, Economic Director.

Call to order: Michael Boyle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public comment: None

Approval of minutes: Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Boyle, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Economic Director Report:

Janice Chrzescijanek reported on several items, including a Clarke Park Advisory Committee meeting – topics included maintenance/aesthetics, navigational signs, bike races, etc. There will be a follow-up meeting in August.

She noted that the town video is complete and on the website. Workshops were held on various topics, including manufacturing, business assistance and employer information.

The park expansion did not make it onto the state's agenda for May; it is hopeful that it will be on their next agenda.

The Board of Selectmen recently approved the Town Commercial Center Improvement Plan – this will be submitted to the DOT for consideration of approval of the Phase II improvements which are located on state roads. An

application was submitted to the Dept. of Housing for a grant opportunity under the Main Street Investment Funds.

It is anticipated that Michael Boyle and Janice Chrzescijanek will present an update on activities to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on July 1st.

Planning & Zoning held a Public Hearing on the proposal to amend the zoning regulations to allow a crematorium in the IP zone; this hearing was continued and then closed. Planning & Zoning is due to meet next week. It is not know whether a decision will be reached at that meeting.

Clarke Business Park Rules & Regulations update: It was agreed to form a subcommittee consisting of Michael Boyle, Kevin McMahon and Roy Steiner, to take a final look through of the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations, and, then to confer with counsel as to the wording, legality and consistency of the proposed changes and report back to the commission. Upon completion, there is still a legislative process to follow, i.e., notification to affected owners, public hearing, etc.

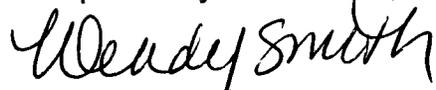
New business

1.) Consideration of Right of First Refusal – sale of 8 Francis J. Clarke Circle

Jay Streaman made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to waive the Economic Development Commission's right of first refusal with respect to the sale of 8 Francis J. Clarke Circle to STARR ROAD REALTY, LLC (or its assignee) in the amount of \$1,200,000. 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 Roy Steiner, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary