

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 26, 2012
MINUTES
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Chairman A. SanAngelo called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at 7:35 P.M. .

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: A. SanAngelo, E. Korzon, J. Betkoski, Clare Pusateri, Jeremy Rodorigo, R. Bradley and new member D. Sorrentino.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A. SanAngelo welcomed new member Dominick Sorrentino to the Commission.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No Public Comment at this time.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January Monthly Meeting were reviewed as submitted by C. Pusateri.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Commission discussed its proposed budget for the 2012-2013 Municipal Budget. The Commission does not anticipate an expense of \$5,000 at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- It was noted that Jeremy Rodorigo and C. Pusateri had worked together to come up with a page for the Town's website. It was also noted that a flyer had gone out to all Town businesses asking them for their contact information and asked them to keep this Commission apprised of any activities or any questions they might have. Clerk is putting together the data collected and will distribute to all members and the Board of Selectmen.
- J. Rodorigo noted he would be putting together another newsletter to cover April, May and June.
- It was noted that there has been some press relating to the upcoming May 5, 2012 Canoe/Kayak and Duck Race in Beacon Falls.

BEACON FALLS MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

1. R. Bradley reported he is trying to re-establish the Merchants Association.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. A. SanAngelo reported there is some grant money available for businesses. This would be a 50/50 reimbursement. Discussion on how this will work. It was noted the Town would probably have to come up with some funding to fund this program. Representative L. Greene has already held an informational meeting on this program and possible other programs for businesses. Commission would like more explanation about this funding. It appears that each Town has to set aside monies to disperse to businesses who apply for assistance. Commission will send letter to the Board of Selectmen asking for assistance with the Main Street Investment Fund as well as the Small Manufacturers STEP Program. The Commission would like to give tax incentives to businesses but the Town needs to get more information on how these programs work. With 2012-2013 Municipal Budget deliberations in progress, Commission feels no monies would be placed in this budget for consideration. It was noted that there are three (3) businesses who would like to apply for some of this funding.
2. The Commission would like to have a table set up at the upcoming May 5th Kayak, Canoe and Duck Race. R. Bradley noted there will be a ‘Taste of Beacon Falls’ at the event. Airplane float rides from Toby’s Pond are also being planned for the day.
3. J. Rodorigo made suggestion to create some type of brochure with regard to all of the hiking trails, kayak and canoe opportunities and fishing that Beacon Falls has to offer
4. Commission would like to see an Ordinance prohibiting the placement of the clothing recycling bins which have been on various locations in the Town. They are nothing but an eyesore and not good for the Town. Commission will send letter to the Board of Selectmen about these clothing bins with specific questions concerning: are these containers being taxed, and if the Zoning Enforcement Officer has any control over them.
5. Questions about vehicles parking on Main Street and if Len Mark does own the property. It was noted there has been a trailer park parked on the property for some time now.
6. It was noted that Donald Douglas is looking at property in Beacon Falls. Jim Martin and Murtha both have available space.
7. Dr. Dey’s property has been sold to some type of indoor shooting business.
8. The Board of Selectmen did not grant permission to Jim Martins Road to Nowhere project was not granted permission to continue. Commission feels this might be a good location for outlet stores.
9. Properties available include: Northeast Millwright, Not Just Trucking and Cooper Industries.
10. Discussion on the gas tank storage. Commission wanted to know if the number of tanks stored is limited in any way. It was noted there are some residential homes in the area and there is no screening. These tanks are an eyesore. Clerk

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will check with Assessor to see who the contact person is for this property and if there is any type of permit for this activity.

STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

It was noted there is an \$85,000 shortfall with this project. First Selectman G. Smith has been working with the State and DeCarlo & Doll to get the project completed.

GRANT NEWS/UPDATES

None at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Clerk's bill was signed by Chairman.

With no other business, **C. Pusateri made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. 2nd by J. Rodorigo. All aye.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson
Clerk for the Economic Development Commission
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December 1, 2004

First Selectman, Susan A. Cable
C/o Town Hall
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

Dear Susan:

Attached please find a copy of the proposed budget prepared by the Economic Development Commission for the upcoming 2005/2006 fiscal year.

Please contact the EDC if you need any clarification on any line item. We would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss any questions you might have.

We look forward to a productive year as we encourage businesses to locate to the Town of Beacon Falls.

Sincerely,

Anthony SanAngelo

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Chairman, Economic Development Commission

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Enclosure

Cc: Board of Selectmen
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