

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2014**

Chairman Jeremy Rodorigo called the regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at 7:34 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jeremy Rodorigo, John Betkoski, Ed Korzon, Brian DeGeorge, Clare Pusateri.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Bradley, (open position).

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Fitzpatrick, Dennis Phipps.

MINUTES

No Minutes to approve. (No meetings in Dec. & Nov., 2013).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Joe Fitzpatrick from the P&Z Commission presented an overview of the Traffic Initiative portion of the 10 yr. plan. The proposed plan includes, among other things, additional on/off exits of CT Rt. 8 in both the Northbound and Southbound lanes. Mr. Fitzpatrick presented the Commission with aerial views of the effected area along with correspondence from the engineering firm of Nafis & Young further detailing the project. Additionally, a letter from O&G Industries supporting the proposed Plan of Conservation & Development-Industrial Road System Improvements was received.

2. Mr. Dennis Phipps introduced himself while informing the Commission of his interest in filling the current open position of EDC Commissioner.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BEACON FALLS MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION

No report at this time

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the Traffic Initiative included concern from some business owners regarding the negative impact on their business. Project is possibly 10-15 yrs. off.
2. Status of Pamphlet discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. J. Betkoski made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Dennis Phipps to fill the current Commissioner vacancy. 2nd. by J. Roderigo. All aye.

2. Cameo Metals of New Jersey, a remnant of the old Risdon Mfg. Co., is now in the Industrial Park. The Owners have praised the Fire Marshall and the Town Building Official for their assistance.

3. The Cabinet Shop behind Gabe's Mobil is awaiting word from State regarding Enterprise Zone status.

4. Discussion of new "Business Direction" signs in strategic locations downtown along with new Street Signs. First Selectman Bielek along with Public Works Dir. to assist with the project. EDC Commissioners chose Forrest Green Signs with off white lettering.

5. Chairman J. Roderigo, First Selectman Chris Bielek and Public Works Director Pruzynski to review tentative plans to add angled parking on the Northbound side of South Main Street from Bethany Rd. to Burton Rd.. Project to be completed in stages. Two main reasons are to A. slow down traffic. B. obtain more parking. Commissioner E. Korzon to spearhead project.

6. E. Korzon to investigate lighting issue at Industrial Park sign. Light to be relocated.

7. E. Korzon to investigate possible dangerous condition of steel ribbon fencing at intersection of Lancaster and Alliance in the Industrial Park.

8. Commission to look into parking of Buses and Semi Trucks in the parking area IFO #241 So. Main St. (Bronson Industrial Building).

GRANT NEWS / UPDATES

None at this time

PAYMENT OF BILLS

None

With no other business, **E. Korzon made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M., 2nd. by J. Betkoski. All aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Christensen, Clerk of the Economic Development Commission
Monthly Meeting – February 7, 2014.