



BEACON FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES November 27, 2017

Chairman John Betkoski III called the monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at **7:31 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Betkoski III, Jeremy Rodorigo, Ed Korzon, Brian DeGeorge, Dennis Phipps

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dave Pokras, Kristen Trzaski.

MINUTES:

D. Phipps moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2017. Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Pavlik, a local real estate agent residing In Chatfield Farms gave a presentation regarding changes in the down town area to generate more tax producing businesses. These ideas included repurposing the Firehouse, purchasing the factory behind Gabe's Mobil, upgrades, changes in parking, etc.

Selectman Mike Krenesky was present for a portion of the meeting. Mr. Krenesky updated the EDC re: status of the Library/Community Center. Mr. Krenesky requested the Library/Community Center Project be added to the January 2018 EDC meeting agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The tractor trailer driving school using the industrial park to train on was again discussed. The Commission has come to the conclusion that there is little recourse for the Town in the matter.
3. The ‘Welcome to Beacon Falls’ sign originally located at Exit 24 n/b off ramp will be relocated to exit 23 n/b off ramp.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Commission agreed to cancel the December 2017 monthly meeting realizing that it was scheduled for Christmas day.
2. The new Town Christmas tree has been planted on the median downtown with the assistance of the Town Public Works Dept. and Betkoski Brothers LLC.

CERC REPORT / GRANT NEWS

The “CERC REPORT” from our Municipal Services Associate from CERC will now be included at this point in the agenda. This evening Sadie Colcord gave a brief overview of her activities along with plans for the future.

Sadie has been reviewing the info from previous studies of downtown. She attended the Valley Chamber Meeting along with looking into State owned parcels in the industrial park. Sadie will be investigating the possibility of State grants to assist in marketing the industrial park. She will also be contacting local developers regarding new projects.. She will also be reaching out to Mario Trebka regarding the Rau property on So. Main St. along with contacting Haynes regarding redevelopment project along the river south to the Seymour town line.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

J. Rodorigo moved to pay the \$77.50 Clerks bill. Seconded by B. DeGeorge., all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business, E. Korzon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm., seconded by Dennis Phipps. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen
Clerk