

(Draft) Minutes of the Meeting

Oct. 19th 2011

Economic Development Commission

Town of Brookfield, CT

Present: Hal Kurfehs Chairman, Peter Thompson Secretary, Jim Fisher Vice-Chairman, David Matte and Ann Amorossi. Absent were Mara Frankel Divitto, and Joe Rocky
Chairman Hal Kurfehs convened the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Approval of the Minutes of Sept. 20th, 2011

Motion to approve minutes was made by Dave Matte and seconded by Jim Fisher, Motion approved.

Development on Town Center

There was a vote at the BOS meeting on the issue of the Town hiring a professional consulting firm or Planner to create a plan for the Town Center. The motion failed. The next step now is either a Town Meeting or as a ballot on the November election. There is a \$75,000 STEAP Grant available for this.

Planning of Presentation for New Web Site

The EDC budget submitted to the Board of Finance back in January included funds to create a new EDC website. This budget was considerably higher than in previous years and was turned down.

At the September EDC meeting it was discussed making a clearer pitch for the purpose of our having the funds to support a professional EDC Website. A copy of the budget submitted last January to the Board of Finance was forwarded to the EDC members to use as a base from which the commission can jointly craft a more compelling presentation for 2012. This will be a topic of discussion in our November meeting.

Volunteers Needed for Testing of Town Center Concepts

Volunteers are requested by the Land Use Office to interact with the hired professional planner or consulting firm to make suggestions concerning the Town Center. Property owners and other residents can volunteer to be on this committee.

The following Description is from Belinda Samuel :

“The process we outlined involves substantial input from people through a visual preference survey, focus groups and an intensive public planning event called a charrette, as well as technical evaluations of infrastructure, parking and site development matters. Our current expectation is to launch the public participation part of the project early in 2012.”

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact the Land Use Office.

Regional EDC CEDS

The CEDS is a task force from Ten regional towns consisting of Economic Development Directors, HVCEO leadership and the Dean at WestConn’s Ancell School of Business. We discussed briefly how they would be a contributor to the growth of economic quality in our region. Their agenda for the October 19th meeting was passed out as part of our discussion.

Future Projects Discussion

We went over the various topics of previous EDC meetings.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Fisher, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Peter Thompson