

**Minutes of the EDC Meeting
November 15, 2011
Economic Development Commission
Town of Brookfield, CT.**

Present: Hal Kurfehs, Chairman, Ann Amorossi, Mara Frankel, and Dave Matte
Absent: Peter Thompson, Secretary; Jim Fisher, Vice Chairman; Joe Rocky
Chairman Hal Kurfehs convened the meeting at 7:05.

Approval of Minutes of October 18, Meeting

The motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting by Dave Matte and seconded by Mara Frankel. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Town Center Progress

The hiring of a town consultant with STEAP grant monies was approved at a Town Meeting held in the High School on November, 10, 2011; the commission was pleased at that news. The opinions of a professional consultant will certainly help with the vision of the new Town Center.

Further discussion took place over the northern most portion of the land in the Town Center located north of the Four Corners. Two development groups have expressed an interest in developing this area. The type of development is market rate housing with possible retail components. These deals take a long time to develop because of the multiplicity of owners that have to be contracted.

Volunteers Needed for Testing Town Center Concepts

A plea has been made for volunteers for a new committee to assist the new consultant for the town center. Mara Frankel and Ann Amorossi said that they would be willing to volunteer for the research involving this project and to serve on this new committee. Substantial input on this project can be obtained from visual aids. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Katherine Daniels at the Town Office.

CERC Awards

CERC is sponsoring an awards evening at the Bushnell in Hartford in early December for the state's 10 geographic economic regions to give awards to businesses or people who have made positive contributions to economic development in their areas. We are being informed of this event so that we can nominate someone from the Brookfield area if we so desire.

New Web Site

Hal has suggested that the way to get approval for a more extensive web site for the EDC is to appear before the Board of Finance and to make a strong case for it. Last year, the EDC's application for this project was cut due to budgetary restraints. Hal would like to make a more formal presentation to the BOF for this fiscal year. Ann Amorossi and Mara Frankel volunteered to as a committee to develop a presentation that would be reviewed at the next EDC meeting.

2012 Meeting Calendar

It was agreed at this meeting that all meetings of the Economic Development Commission will take place on the third Tuesday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted for Peter Thompson,

Dave Matte