

(Draft) Minutes of the Meeting
Feb. 21st 2012
Economic Development Commission
Town of Brookfield, CT

Present: Hal Kurfehs Chairman, Peter Thompson Secretary, Jim Fisher Vice-Chairman, Joe Rocky, David Matte, Mara Frankel Divitto, and Ann Amorossi. Guest: Selectman George Walker.
Chairman Hal Kurfehs convened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

The meeting started with Selectman George Walker

George has other meetings to attend so we started the meeting with discussion on the Town budget for inclusion of our budget requirements with sufficient funds to develop and maintain a new EDC website. If approved by the BOS it then goes to the Board of Finance. It was mentioned that the amount for EDC's budget is not yet included in the Town's budget, also many other groups have their requests in for consideration. When a consensus budget is made it then would be placed on the ballot for Public Referendum.

Approval of the Minutes of Jan. 17th 2012

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

Steering Committee for Town Center

Mara Frankel Divitto is on the Steering Committee, which reports to Land Use.

Latest Real Estate Developments for Town Center

Several developers have expressed interest in two parcels of land on the East Side of Federal Road. Southern parcel is present site of The Barn Yard and could potentially support (100) Apartment units. The northern parcel just north of The Barn Yard has been approved for another (42) Condo units. Although initially Condominium units would be planned, the units could be rental at first. This residential development would add incentive for the development of the Town Center. On the opposite (West) side of Federal Road development there is some other potential land for development that could vary between 15 to 21 acres.

EDC Web Site Development

This item was discussed with Selectman George Walker. The Town is redoing their website; it was questioned if there is any advantage of coordinating with that website developer.

New Application for 25,000sf Shopping Center

This parcel of land is across from the proposed new entrance to Costco. It will have a stoplight.

Western CT Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA)

The membership is made up of prominent members from both the Private and Public Sectors of the ten Municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Area.

General Discussion

We discussed the Kohls shopping area and whether BJ's would move ahead with their plans.

10) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Matte motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM
Peter Thompson, Sec.