

### **EDC MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hal Kurfehs at 7PM. Members in attendance were Mara Frankel, Ann Amorossi, and Dave Matte. Jim Fisher and Joe Rocky were not in attendance.

The first item of business was a tribute to Peter Thompson. Peter was truly a very sincere and conscientious Brookfield resident who was involved as a town historian and a member of our committee. His untimely death during the last week of December was a shock to us all. His presence and efforts to help the town of Brookfield will be greatly missed.

We approved the names of the newly elected officers to the EDC for the 2013 year. They are Chairman, Hal Kurfehs; Vice Chairman, Mara Frankel; and Secretary, Dave Matte.

We have three people who have expressed an interest in joining the committee to take Peter's place. They are Betsy McIlvaine, Linda Wagner and Nancy Tolmoff.

We had an extended discussion about the progress on the 4 Corners Latest Developments. The projected development of rental units is impressive. Along Laurel Hill Road there are 72 rental units approved with an additional 13 condo units in the plans. The Barnyard area along Route 7, which will be called Green Acres, will have 92 rental units. Along Station Road by the bowling alley and including up to where Peter's Imports used to be, there are plans for mixed use development (both residential and retail) by Garden Homes from New Jersey. The bowling alley will remain and this development will be built around it. The current liquor store on Route 7 and the white building with the pillars will remain in their current locations. This plan by Garden Homes will result in an additional 250 units. The Library Committee has expressed interest in the area around four corners; there is a possibility of the library being incorporated into this new development.

There was a continued discussion of our Website Development. The money is available in our account.

Hal submitted our Budget Justification Form for 2013. In it he outlined the current functions of our programs, our accomplishments this year, our goals, and the need for an Economic Development administrator to help in marketing the 4 Corners development.

Finally, Hal commented on the efforts of WCEDA (Western Connecticut Economic Development Association) to improve regional economic development in the area. The next step which this group will take is to have open discussions with the 10 municipalities to gain feedback on economic development. Thursday, Jan. 17, HVCEO is having its monthly meeting and Hal is making a presentation on the area's regional economic development. Regional planning such as this opens up the possibility of grants for infrastructure development.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Matte