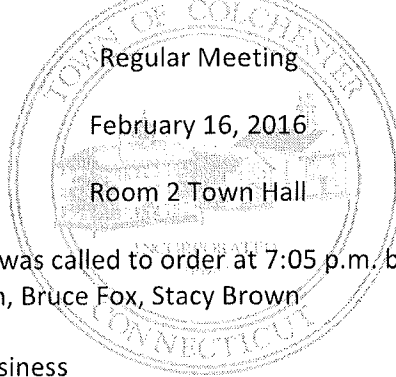


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



Regular Meeting

February 16, 2016

Room 2 Town Hall

1. Call to Order –The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Ford. In attendance : Jean Walsh, Bruce Goldstein, Bruce Fox, Stacy Brown
2. Public Comments: none
3. Changes : add c) to new business
4. Approval of Minutes: S Brown moved to accept, B Goldstein seconded, approved by quorum
5. a. New Business: Chairman Ford listed projects in the queue: Northwoods – extra phase, 17 lot subdivision on Old Hebron Rd, Chevy dealer – under consideration, Alpha Q adding on, Farmer’s Cow store & restaurant considering moving into town, Pet Value open next to Stop & Shop, Westchester Dunkin Donuts scope change accepted. Main projects are residential. Discussion on surplus vacancies – current / future condition of Noel’s plaza Colchester has to establish a niche – J Walsh suggested each member bring atleast 2 ideas / businesses and contacts , to the meeting next month.
b. SECTER : Chairman Ford announced the S.E Econ Dev division leader Juliet Hodge will be speaking at our March meeting.
c. Memo to Board of Selectmen : requesting approval of the EDC to establish a web page. Motion to accept B.Fox / seconded B.Goldstein . Passed J.Ford will present to the BOS at next meeting if he can get it on the agenda.
6. Old Business: a. Committee Reports:
 - i. Website and Opportunity Map – waiting approval of web site. B.Fox will speak w/ a contact for assistance with setting up the site (designing, etc). S. Brown will help and suggested we meet informally to brainstorm ideas on what should be included on site.
 - ii. Welcome Sign Project – B.Fox – requested the issue be tabled due to lack of Town support, so it must be handled in a different way. He will be seeking private donations.b. Municipal Development Plans: i. Future development areas – Chairman Ford will be presenting, to the Board of Selectman, the proposal for the State ECD, to obtain their approval to move forward. It would then go to DECD to be approved and set up as a project with consultants. If approved then – it could be a project the state would award \$\$ to.
Town Planner appointment – Acting Planner Randy Benson named as permanent planner.
7. Status, next steps – to be determined
8. Adjournment : 8:15 pm

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