

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Special Meeting Minutes Monday, March 18, 2013

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett, James Richards and Ryan Nilsson.

Also in Attendance: Laurie Whitten, Town Planner

Chairman Eric Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 Special Meeting as written. Richards / Nilsson / Unanimous

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- **175th Four-Town Fair Promotional Opportunity**

Mr. Richards noted that East Windsor will be the host town for the next Four-Town Fair and at a recent budget meeting it came up that the Town will not have money for the next Four-Town Fair. He said it was suggested that the EDC might be able to help. He questioned whether if they had money in this year's budget, could they ear-mark it for a float for the parade prior to July 1st. Ms. Whitten indicated that if you have something for an event next year, it has to be out of next year's budget. Mr. Richards asked that if they had to rent a float and put a deposit on it, could they use this year's budget. He suggested asking the Treasurer if they could do that. Mr. Moffett suggested tabling this discussion to find out more information.

MOTION: To postpone the discussion regarding the Four-Town Fair until the next meeting (April 15, 2013)). Richards / Nilsson / Unanimous

- **CERC Listings**

Ms. Whitten indicated that we had just renewed for another year.

- **Economic Development Issues**

The EDC members discussed the current Zoning Regulations regarding signs, particularly pertaining to signs for new businesses. Currently when a new business comes into a location where a previous business was located, if they want to use an existing sign and just change the name, etc., they have to get a zoning permit. Mr. Richards suggested to the EDC members that they have someone look into changing that regulation. He felt that if the face of an existing sign is changed, keeping the same height, size and location, they shouldn't have to get a new zoning permit. Ms. Whitten noted that they would have to make sure that the original sign was an approved sign. She said they would have to come into the office and have some type of sign verification. She indicated that this would require a text change to be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. She noted that there are some other changes to be made to the zoning regulations and suggested that they could be done at the same time as this.

MOTION: That the EDC sponsor a text change to the zoning regulations with the verbiage that we discussed this evening and that we encourage that the Planning & Zoning Commission put in some of their own text changes.
Richards / Nilsson / Unanimous

Ms. Whitten said she heard that the new Walmart will possibly be opening in June.

She informed the EDC members that the Dollar General store will be coming in soon with an application. They are going to make improvements to the building and make it more attractive looking.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: To adjourn. Nilsson / Richards / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer
Recording Secretary