

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 17, 2013

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett, Josh Kapelner, James Richards and Ryan Nilsson

Also in Attendance: Laurie Whitten, Town Planner

Chairman Eric Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:07 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:

Mr. Kapelner pointed out one correction to be made. Page 2, line 3 should be changed to read: "Mr. Kapelner felt that the best opportunity to do this is at the community college level."

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 29, 2013 meeting as amended.
Richards / Kapelner

In favor: Richards; Kapelner; Moffett

Abstain: Nilsson

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- **Economic Development Issues**

The EDC members briefly discussed the current budget. Mr. Kapelner noted that the grand list for residential real estate has declined and the value for businesses did not decline. He said this is a "double whammy" for businesses as they will have to pay more. Mr. Richards said that the homeowners will see the taxes either staying the same or going down. He said that businesses are going to be charged more if they own their buildings. The board members

questioned what would be incentives for businesses to come to East Windsor. It was suggested that we obtain the mill rates from other towns to see how they compare to East Windsor.

The Board members talked about the automatic 2% increase in the budget after the referendums failed. Mr. Moffett said the people need to be educated.

The EDC members went over the fees for zoning permits and discussed the state fees for land use applications. Mr. Richards questioned charging fees for accessory structures which also requires the \$60 State fee.

Mr. Richards indicated that the new Walmart is being delayed because of the State traffic issue. They can't open without the street being ready. He noted that Windsor Federal Savings is coming to East Windsor, on Shoham Road where the former United Bank was located.

Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD):

Ms. Whitten noted that the State Plan of Conservation and Development has been adopted this month. She said she wrote a letter to our local State representatives asking for an extension and thanks to Gary LeBeau, we have a year extension for completing the update of the POCD.

Ms. Whitten indicated that several people have signed up for the POCD. She said we can come up with all the goals and action plans but it still has to go to the community. It still has to go to a public hearing and be voted on. She suggested that, given the latest economic conditions and local mill rate compared to other towns, the EDC come up with goals to counteract the lack of local incentives

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn. Kapelner / Nilsson / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer
Recording Secretary