

**Town of East Windsor  
Economic Development Commission**

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***Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 20, 2017***

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**I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

*Members Present:* Eric Moffett, Bill Kehoe and Gil Hayes.

*Also Present:* Jim Richards, Exec. Director, East Windsor Chamber of Commerce and Board of Finance Member

Chairman Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of February 27, 2017.

Hayes / Kehoe / Unanimous

**IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**MMCT – Commercial Recreation**

Mr. Hayes and Mr. Richards said that they attended the signing ceremony. Mr. Richards said that he spoke on behalf of the Chamber. He said about 30 people attended. Mr. Hayes noted that the event was well represented. There were some dignitaries who spoke at the event.

Chairman Moffett said if the casino project goes forward there is a tax revenue benefit to the town along with the negotiated amount. He questioned whether we as a commission should pursue pushing for a full-time economic development person. He said there is value in having someone out there representing the Town. He said we have to think about a strategy. He suggested that the EDC and the Planning Department along with Roger O'Brien should develop a strategy. There is value in a coordinated effort to develop the town. Mr. Moffett suggested that we have a job description ready to go for the Board of Selectmen to look at. Mr. Kehoe said we should

have a job description ready for when the funds are available. Mr. Richards said we should also start to promote the incentives. A brief discussion was held regarding incentives.

**MOTION:** To start working with Laurie Whitten and Roger O'Brien to create a job description for a full-time economic development coordinator.  
Kehoe / Hayes / Unanimous

### **Warehouse Point**

Some discussion was held regarding the proposed roundabout at the Warehouse Point Bridge. Mr. Hayes noted that there will be a meeting with DOT at the town hall regarding the roundabout. He will be attending that meeting.

### **Discussion of Economic Development Issues**

Mr. Richards noted that the North Central Chamber is having their home and product show this weekend at the former Walmart building. He said he would encourage any EDC member to attend a Chamber meeting.

Mr. Richards said there will be a Casual Business meeting at Maine Fish Restaurant on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn. Hayes / Kehoe / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer, Recording Secretary