

**Town of East Windsor
Economic Development Commission**

**11 Rye Street, P.O. Box 389
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***Special Meeting (Discussion)
Monday, January 23, 2017***

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett and Bill Kehoe

Also in Attendance: Laurie Whitten, Town Planner
Roger O'Brien, Economic Development Consultant
Jim Richards, Exec. Director, East Windsor Chamber
of Commerce and Board of Finance Member

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. at the Planning & Zoning Office, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

An informal discussion took place with no motions or votes, as a quorum was not established.

II. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

MMCT – Commercial Recreation

Discussion was held regarding the possible casino to be located in East Windsor. Ms. Whitten referred to some notes from the meetings they had regarding the casino. There was a staff meeting of the Town department heads and another meeting with the tribal heads. At the staff meeting they discussed the developer's agreement and how the Town departments might be affected. Mr. O'Brien noted that the public safety people expressed their number of what they are looking for. He said it needs to be boiled down to one negotiation session. He said they know we are going to have to take in something other than the taxes. Mr. Richards said the tribal people are looking for a town to work with them as a community.

Mr. Richards indicated that Windsor Locks is doing the same thing we are doing. Mr. O'Brien said we have the zoning in place. They don't; they are having a referendum and we don't have to. He said the tribal people will have to go to our Planning and Zoning Commission for site plan approval and people can come to a Board of Selectmen meeting and express their opinions. Ms. Whitten noted that the East Windsor site is bordered by 3 State roads.

It was noted that there will be Community Conversation tomorrow (January 24th) with the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the East Windsor Middle School. State Representative Chris Davis will be there.

Further discussion took place regarding the developer's agreement. Mr. O'Brien suggested that everyone (Police, Fire, Human Services, Board of Education, etc.) get their ideas into the First Selectman and come up with one package.

Mr. Kehoe expressed that he is against the casino. He said he is willing to hear what they have to say but he is concerned about crime and stated that East Windsor has a drug problem. Also a casino would have an effect on the rural charm of the town.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer, Recording Secretary