

LITCHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EDC **Special** Meeting Minutes Joint Meeting with Thomaston

April 24, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Minutes (not approved)

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Cleve Fuessenich, Chair, and seconded E. Schmidt

Present - Regular Members: Cleve Fuessenich, Paula Rolleston; Alternate Members: Anne Haas, Nancy MacMillan-Stedronsky, Eileen Schmidt and Bea Thompson Pamela Orde and Tom Roman

Absent: Regular Members: Renée Betar, Elaine Fay, Edgar Auchincloss

Present from Thomaston Jeffrey Dunn (Chairman), Sue Holway (Secretary), Lissa Jennings, Michael Madow

Public Comment: Ben Paletsky, Morris - Business Owner

1. Introductions & Town- EDC mission and highlights.
 - a. Litchfield & Morris 'Observe and Report' with special projects highlighted
 - b. Thomaston EDC initiative based.
 - i. Tax incentive.... Factory space conversion
 - ii. Communications projects with agencies
 - iii. Cerc Survey with additional budgeting
 - iv. Part-Time EDC Employee
2. Point of mutual interest:
 - a. Rail Road Museum
 - b. Need for Hotel
 - c. Information Distribution
 - i. Centers
 - ii. Digital
3. Commitment to promoting a branded "Litchfield County"
4. Greenway Project... Highlighting the E. Litchfield /Thomaston Connection
 - a. Tourism
 - b. Towns involved (21?) and benefit
 - c. Corporate entities
 - i. Powerline (Eversource)
 - ii. Rail Road
 - d. Pitch Reservoir
5. Increase visibility
 - a. Civic Lift
 - b. Channel 12
6. Next Steps... each EDC to regroup during their regular meetings to review the conversation and select and prioritize how we should continue. Sample questions:
 - a. Are special group meetings beneficial

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- b. Would we want to continue?
- c. What shall we focus on (Hotel?)?
- d. What do we need to prepare in advance of another meeting?
- e. When should we schedule the next meeting?

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jeffrey Dunn, seconded by E. Schmidt, passed Unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Rolleston, Acting Secretary, Economic Development Commission

Cleve Fuessenich, Chair, Economic Development Commission

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Mission Statement (adopted 5/17/2011)

The Economic Development Commission will stay informed on economic conditions and monitor trends within the Town of Litchfield and make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies. The commission shall also take action to improve said economic conditions and seek to coordinate with the activities of various related commissions and unofficial organizations to further Litchfield's economic development well being.