Litchfield Economic Development Commission

Wednesday January 25, 2012

Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes DRAFT

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT

Regular members, David Dean, Kay Carroll, Renee Betar, and Judy Elliott were present. Cleve Fuessenich and Alexander VandenBerg were absent. Alternates William Conti and Doug Parker were present. Alternate Mitchell Fishman was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Doug Parker was appointed for Cleve Fuessenich and William Conti was appointed for Alexander VandenBerg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Carroll made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2011 meeting as read. Rene Betar seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

LITCHFIELD JAIL

Still in process of being sold.

GOALS FOR 2012

Postponed until next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Need a republican affiliated member for the board and need an alternate member too. David will ask Leo for suggestions.

<u>LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS</u> Market is doing very well. All is calm on this front.

NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NWCTEDC is moving ahead with CEDS. Have 8 focus groups: Agriculture/Conservation, Commercial/Real Estate, Infrastructure/Transportation, Culture/Tourism, Service Sector, Small Business, Education/Work Force Development and Manufacturing. First focus meeting is March 7th.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

569 Bantam Rd.-actively on-the-market.

LABA

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

LITCHFIELD COMMISSIONS

David Dean, Renee Betar, Kay Carroll and William Conti reported on various commissions in town.

NEW BUSINESS

David Dean talked to the general manager of The Litchfield Inn. They have big plans and lots of work to do to achieve their goals. They hosted the January 7th farm market and did a great job.

EDC will be checking into available grants to benefit local economic development.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the Litchfield Town Hall at 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

William Conti made a motion to adjourn. Doug Parker seconded it. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Elliott, Secretary Economic Development Commission David E. Dean, Chr.