

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

Wednesday January 30, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Regular members, David Dean, Kay Carroll, Renee Betar, Cleve Fuessenich and Judy Elliott were present. Alternate Doug Parker was present.

ABSENT: Alexander VandenBerg, Mitchell Fishman , William Conti .

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None Needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rene Betar made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting as read. Cleve Fuessenich seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Walch came and he has expressed interest in purchasing the jail. He has bid on the jail in the past. His partner Edmund Sulzman also attended and is trying to get a sense of what local people would like to see happen with the jail. They would like ideas of different uses for the building.

LITCHFIELD JAIL

No additional report.

UPDATE ON STOP & SHOP

There seems to be more support from local people for the new store.

NEW TOWN HALL

The committee has expanded its scope and are looking at larger picture including keeping part of it in Bantam.

LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

The market has moved indoors and is doing okay. Traffic is down and they would like to see it increase. Some vendors are *still* growing food and bringing it fresh to market.

TRANSITIONS

The movie next week is "Bag It".

NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NWCTEDC has essentially completed the CEDS. They are now entering the final approval stage.

VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

There were reports on various committees.

LABA

Recent meeting was held at Haight Vineyard and was very well attended. There were several speakers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

LITCHFIELD COMMISSIONS

David Dean, Renee Betar, and Mitchell Fishman reported on various commissions in town.

BANTAM NEWS

Briarwood Nursery has broken ground in center of Bantam to start their new seasonal facility.

LITCHFIELD NEWS

None

NORTHFIELD NEWS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It was decided the EDC should not give endorsements.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 27, 2013** at the Litchfield Town Hall at 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Kay Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Renee Betar seconded it. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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