

Litchfield Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 - **DRAFT**

CALL TO ORDER

David Dean called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT

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

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Carroll made a motion to accept minutes as amended, it was seconded by Cleve Fuessenich and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LITCHFIELD JAIL

David Dean reported that the town turned down the offer of getting the Litchfield Jail from the state as it had become too complicated and laden with risk to effectively deal with it.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL NEW MODEL FOR STOP AND SHOP

Nothing newat the moment. Application still expected....shortly

UPDATE ON NEW TOWN HALL EFFORTS

New construction is still being considered in lieu of remodeling.

UPDATE ON TWIN 30,000 PROPANE TANKS ON TORRINGTON ROAD

The public spoke for four (4) hours at the last P&Z meeting and it was continued until July 16, 2012. It was noted by the commission that the cost to this particular applicant has been extremely high and should be monitored to ensure that costs alone do not become a deterrent to the economy and growth of Litchfield

LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

Kay Carroll reported a new configuration at the outdoor market this summer to allow for better emergency access. There is a problem with people parking on the lot overnight and blocking the emergency access which the town constables are trying to address.

TRANSITIONS

Kay Carroll stated that the movie night and dinner were terrific and well attended.

NW CT E.D.C.

No report

LABA

No report

UPDATES ON VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

Members reported on various commissions in town.

UPDATES FROM BANTAM, LITCHFIELD AND NORTHFIELD

None

COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS PROPERTIES

No changes were reported.

OLD BUSINESS

Cleve Fuessenich brought in a mock-up of the tourist brochure he has been working on. Will distribute it to visitor's booth and various places around town when the final version is available.

NEW BUSINESS

Judith Elliott broached the subject of negative publicity every time something happens in town to bring tourist business to town. She thinks the commission should address the problem and see if there is a way to mitigate negative press in the future. David Dean will check with the Borough Warden to see if the Borough is forming plans to help alleviate problems with future endeavors.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting is July 25, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Kay Carroll made a motion to adjourn which Alexander VandenBerg seconded. It passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned by David Dean at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted'

Judith Elliott
Secretary