

Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT

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

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Carroll made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting as read. Rene Betar seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LITCHFIELD JAIL

Kay Carroll brought the preliminary report on information about, and uses, for the jail for potential buyers. The Litchfield Preservation Trust has requested some revisions. The state has put the property out for bid again.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH BOS

David Dean attended the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen and our new mission statement was reviewed and approved.

DISCUSSION OF SETTING MEANINGFUL OBJECTIVES/STRATEGIES

Review of all commissions and assignment (to be monitored) to members of EDC

COMMERCIAL WEBSITE

Cleve Fuessenich indicated that Farnham Leifferts has a website with a directory of local businesses and services. Doug Parker reported that the EDC website no longer exists.

LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

Kay Carroll reported two important events. The last leg of the kid's marathon is June 11, 2011 and approximately 400 Litchfield children have participated this year. First outdoor market will be June 11, 2011 behind Center School.

### NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Doug Parker reported that representatives of Union Savings Bank and Litchfield Bancorp gave presentations on changes in the banking industry. It was a very good meeting. Banking regulators are getting very tough and it seems as they are going after the little banks and leaving the big banks alone.

### CEDS

Doug Parker reported that they are still waiting for planning grant since last July. The next meeting will be on the topic of agriculture and will be held at Freund's Farm in Canaan.

### COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

The White Room is open in Bantam.  
Serendipity is open in Litchfield.  
The Bantam Shell has closed.

### WEBSITE

The town website is up and running.

### OLD BUSINESS

The work on the old UOP building on Route 209 in Bantam has stalled. We will be updating that status on an on-going basis.

### NEW BUSINESS

Doug Parker has resigned as a regular member and has applied for alternate. Pam Stockamore has resigned as an alternate. Kay Carroll's term has been renewed. Sander Vandenberg is applying for regular member status and resigning as an alternate. Judith Elliott's term has been renewed and she needs to be sworn in. William Conti was sworn in as an alternate.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for **June 29, 2011** at the Litchfield Borough Hall on Russell Street at 7 pm.

### ADJOURNMENT

Kay Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Cleve Fuessenich seconded it. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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