

LITCHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EDC Regular Meeting
Litchfield Town Office 74 West Street Litchfield, CT 06759
July 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes draft-(not approved)

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Cleve Fuessenich, Acting Chair.

Present- Regular Members: David Dean, Fred Colson, Cleve Fuessenich, Paula Rolleston, Tom Roman and Eileen Schmidt; Alternate Member: Anne Haas

Absent - Pamela Orde, Renée Betar,

Appointment of Alternates: None

Appointment of Acting Secretary: Paula Rolleston for Renee Betar

Motion by D. Dean to approve draft minutes of June 28, 2017 regular meeting as corrected. Cleve Fuessenich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously as amended.

Monthly economic updates per region:

- Bantam:
 - The Market still under construction
 - Peterson Oil building still a concern
 - Bantam Cinema: Request to P&Z for single serve wine and beer. Special hearing 8/1
 - Updates of general moves and changes
- Litchfield:
 - Court House status
 - Jail house status
 - Empty old Stop & Shop building status
- East Litchfield:
 - Greenway –discussed positives & negatives-CF & ES to invite for Nov meeting a representative from Naugatuck Valley Council of Gov't
 - Commission would like to see any economic indicators since the completion of the greenway in Litchfield.

Old Business

- Review of EDC web pages: add pdf of Welcome to Litchfield to the town website.
 - Thanks to MurphyBoys for their help and quick turnaround as well as working within a very tight budget.
- Food Hub update:
 - DD reported they are up & running in their temporary building in

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Torrington

- 300th Litchfield Anniversary task force:
 - Had second meeting.
- Identifying missed business opportunities:
 - "A committee comprised of Tom Roman, Paula Rolleston, and Eileen Schmidt was charged with a) identifying areas of economic growth not currently being addressed by the Town; b) seeking sources or organizations that can source potential grants and other support for these possible activities; and c) reporting their findings to the EDC Commission for approval and recommendation for next step."
- LABA "Welcome to Litchfield" booklet delivered
- Plan for August joint meeting of Litchfield and Morris EDCs
 - C. Fuessenich will call a second joint meeting, which will be hosted by Lee Losee at the Litchfield Borough Office. Suggested dates given.
 - Motion by DD to send minutes to EDC chairs in adjourning towns and ask for their's. CF to contact each chair. PR to contact Thomaston EDC.

New Business

- NHCOG Pocad
- New committee (CF, ES, DD) To pursue clarification & unification of signage on state roads.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2017.
September 27, 2017 will open at 6:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by DD and seconded by TR., which passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Rolleston, filling in for Acting Secretary
Economic Development Commission

Cleve Fuessenich, Acting Chair

Economic Development Commission

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.