

Draft Minutes for EDC meeting of August 26, 2015:

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Heather Boesch-Wages, Chairwoman

Present: Renee Betar, Heather Boesch-Wages, Kay Carrol, Fred Colson, David Dean, Mitchell Fishman, Cleve Fuessenich, and Douglas Parker

Appt. Of Secretary: Cleve Fuessenich

Motion to approve draft minutes of July 29, 2015: approved (Carroll / Colson)

Public Comment: none

General business:

Colson mentioned he has been appointed Chief Financial Officer of Northwestern Connecticut YMCA

The food co-op store on Toll Gate Hill Road is now closed, according to Colson

Parker said he has visited the Silly Sprout retail outlet on Bantam Road and it is "very nice"

Dean undertook to ask Bantam Warden Dick Sheldon about the status of a coffee shop expected to be opened by Arethusa Farms

Dean described a new business in the former "Switch Factory" in Bantam which is producing organic fertilizer created by farmed fish

Fishman reported the Planning & Zoning Commission has requested its outside consultant undo some of the changes to P& Z Regulations he has proposed

Boesch-Wages said Barbara Putnam has brought to her attention the Commission might be asked to take a stance on proposed P&Z Regulations pertaining the "Old Rte 8" area on the east side of Litchfield

Boesch-Wages would like the Commission, in the next few months, to develop a list of 10 ways in which it can become more effective in improving the local business climate

Dean commented that several towns near Litchfield, including Kent, have set up very good websites that act as hubs for linking users to other sources of information

Parker said Litchfield should be encouraging potential business owners to contact the right parties to give them help

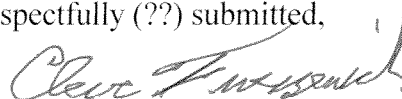
Carroll reported the recent "Farmers' Table" dinner at the Paletsky barn in Morris was extremely successful and has already led to advance requests for seats at next year's event

Parker announced he is resigning as the Town's representative in the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitor's Bureau and invited anyone interested in replacing him to volunteer for the position

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 at the First Selectman's office in the Litchfield Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. (Carroll / Fishman)

Respectfully (??) submitted,



Cleve Fuessenich