

LITCHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EDC Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
September 15, 2016
Litchfield Town Offices
West Street, Litchfield, CT 06759

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by C. Fuessenich, Acting Chair.

Present- Regular Members: Renée Betar, Kay Carroll, Fred Colson, Cleve Fuessenich, Paula Rolleston and Alternate Member: Anne Haas

Absent- Regular Member: David Dean and Pamela Orde and Alternate Member: Doug Parker

Appointment of Acting Secretary: Renée Betar

Appointment of Alternate: Anne Haas for Regular Member, David Dean

New Business:

1) Preparations for State candidates to meet with the Commission

- a. Discussion on purpose of inviting candidates running for CT Senate and House of Representatives to regular EDC meeting
 - i. What is value of conversation to EDC and to the candidates?
 - ii. Not “meet the candidate” event but conversation at two regular EDC meetings to discuss candidates’ thoughts about local and regional economic development. Press would be invited to help share awareness of conversation with the public.
- b. **Motion:** EDC to confirm invitations be sent to six regional candidates offering each the opportunity to attend one of two regular EDC meetings (September 28th or October 26th) to engage in a conversation about local and regional economic development. Press will be invited. K. Carroll made motion; Fred Colson seconded; and motion passed.

2) Discussion of EDC’s role in upcoming POCAD process

- a. First public meeting/workshop conducted by Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., firm contracted by Litchfield P&Z to develop 2017 POCAD, will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the Litchfield Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
 - i. Gather input from public
 - ii. Brainstorm updates to the 2007 POCAD
- b. Does a report card on the 2007 POCAD exist? K. Carroll will ask at 9-19-16 public POCAD meeting.
- c. EDC’s role in the POCAD process:
 - i. **Motion:** Motion to share at 09-19-16 public POCAD meeting that Litchfield EDC would like to be included in the POCAD process. F. Colson made motion; K. Carroll seconded the motion; and motion passed. C. Fuessenich designated F. Colson to share EDC’s intentions at 09-19-16 public POCAD meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by P. Rolleston and seconded by K. Carroll; motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Betar, Acting Secretary
Economic Development Commission

Cleve Fuessenich, Acting Chair
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