

LITCHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EDC Special Meeting Minutes (Draft – Not approved)

December 20, 2016

Town Hall Annex 80 Doyle Rd. Bantam, CT

Meeting called to order at 3:16 p.m. by C. Fuessenich, Acting Chair.

Present- Regular Members: Renée Betar, Fred Colson, David Dean, Cleve Fuessenich and Paula Rolleston; and Alternate Member: Doug Parker

Absent - Regular Members: Pamela Orde and Kay Carroll; Alternate Member: Anne Haas

Appointment of Acting Secretary: Renée Betar

Appointment of Alternate: Doug Parker was seated for Kay Carroll

Public: Francisco Gomez and Rory Fitzgerald, both from Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.
John McKenna and Dennis Tobin

New Business

- 1) Approve 2017 EDC Meeting Calendar

Motion: D. Dean moved to approve 2017 EDC Meeting Calendar as presented; D. Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Meet with representatives from Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. to discuss Town of Litchfield CT Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) relative to Litchfield Economic Development Commission.

F. Gomes reviewed the POCD development schedule and current status of process.

P. Rolleston presented EDC's three primary areas for inclusion in the POCD:

1. Development of Thomaston Rd. (river view commerce) with goal of becoming a viable commercial area
2. Preservation and enhancement of agriculture (balancing rural development and agricultural tourism)
3. Regulations that encourage and streamline process for the use of short-term leases to fill empty storefronts (pop-up stores)

Other areas discussed included:

1. Development of public transportation (for residents and visitors)
2. Signage standards and enforcement
3. Preservation of Bantam Lake
4. Railroad in northwest CT
5. Lodging (Inns, B&Bs and Airbnb)

C. Fuessenich thanked the representatives for an informative session.

Motion: D. Dean moved to adjourn; D. Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Betar, Acting Secretary
Economic Development Commission

Cleve Fuessenich, Acting Chair
Economic Development Commission