

Litchfield Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes- Final/Approved
Wednesday, June 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT

Regular members David Dean, Renee Betar, Cleve Fuessenich, Kay Carroll, and Judy Elliott were present. Regular member Alexander Vandenberg was absent. Alternates Doug Parker and Mitchell Fishman were also present. Alternate William Conti was absent.

GUESTS

Jonathan Wilson gave an update on LABA. LABA has approved setting up a retail sub-committee to get retailers from the town together to retail tourism. Most retailers are unable to attend the regular LABA meeting as it is held during the work day.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cleve Fuessenich made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting. Kay Carroll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kay Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2013 meeting as amended. Cleve Fuessenich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STOP AND SHOP UPDATE

The plans are before Planning & Zoning.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ZONING

No report.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO BOROUGH BOARD

New board going well and new members are working with the Warden to help with various commissions.

UPDATE ON FARMSTAND ISSUE

The applicant for the farm stand at Avalon Farms has agreed to a smaller stand and no retail. Only CSA members will stop at stand to pick up their products.

UPDATE ON JAIL

State is working with Russ Barton to sell him the building as he was the winning bidder.

LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

The Market is listed in the Connecticut Farmers' Market Trail brochure. Also there is an article in CT magazine this month featuring the Market. There will be a farmer's table event at Litwin Farm in August featuring food from the Market.

NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Doug Parker reported the NWCTEDC has been submitted to the feds for review.

VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

Various reports from members were given.

LABA

Jonathan Wilson gave an update.

OLD BUSINESS

Film commission letter will not be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

Kay Carroll made a motion to reelect the same slate of officers for the coming year. Rene Betar seconded it and it passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next EDC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on July 31st, at the Litchfield Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Kay Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Rene Betar seconded it. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Elliott, Secretary
Economic Development Commission