Litchfield Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 25, 2013

David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT

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

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mitchell Fishman was appointed for Cleve Fuessenich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rene Betar made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2013 meeting as amended. Mitchell Fishman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was no August meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STOP AND SHOP UPDATE

There is a pending lawsuit.

UPDATE ON JAIL

The jail is under contract. Buyers were not revealed by State of CT.

LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

Last Saturday was the first slow traffic day for the market but is still well attended. There is huge interest by vendors in the upcoming winter market.

TRANSITIONS

There will be a canning workshop on this coming Saturday.

NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Two gentlemen have formed NWCT Opportunity Fund modeled after the Berkshire Opportunity Fund to offer mentoring and funding for companies doing business in the \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 + range.

LABA

No report.

VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

Various reports from members were given.

BANTAM NEWS

Greenhouses on Vanderpoel Avenue have been demolished. Arethusa Farms will incorporate this into their commercial operation on rte. 202

LITCHFIELD NEWS

None

NORTHFIELD NEWS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1- Amy Winn held a meeting for parties interested in having a film commission in Litchfield.
- 2- EDC needs some new members. Please focus on this.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next EDC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 30th, at the Litchfield Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Kay Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Rene Betar seconded it. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Elliott, Secretary Economic Development Commission