

Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None Needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cleve Fuessenich made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 29, 2012 meeting as read. Rene Betar seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Crow and Joan Spear from PLAN Litchfield read a letter to the group regarding the possibility of a larger Stop & Shop store in Litchfield. They are seeking support for a change to P&Z to limit the size of new commercial buildings in Litchfield. Letter is attached.

LITCHFIELD JAIL

No report

STOP & SHOP APPLICATION

There were discussions on the potential negative effects of a large Stop& Shop on small area businesses. All agreed it is a *very* complicated issue which the commission will be watching closely.

NEW TOWN HALL

The town hall committee has now been charged with investigating options for the town hall instead of just updating the old proposal for building a new town hall.

LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

Kay reported that the market traffic is slow at this time of year due to festivals, fairs, etc. It is slow in other area farmer's markets too. They did a canning presentation at the last market and plan to add more presentations to next year's schedule.

TRANSITIONS

Kay Carroll explained that Transitions is a group looking at how to make the town more **resilient** in the future. There will be a film shown Wednesday at the Litchfield Community Center to explain the start of Transitions.

NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

No report

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

No report.

LABA

No report.

COMMISSION REPORTS

EDC members reported on various commissions.

TOWN NEWS

Bantam: Bantam Tile Works is now open. The Carriage Shop has gone out of business.

OLD BUSINESS

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2012 at the Litchfield Town Hall on West Street at 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Cleve Fuessenich made a motion to adjourn. Alexander VandenBerg seconded it. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Elliott, Secretary  
Economic Development Commission  
David E. Dean, Chr.