

The Newtown Economic Development Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday,
March 10, 2015, at 7:00 pm
Meeting Room #3 at the Newtown Municipal Center,
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

These minutes are subject to the approval of the Economics Development Commission

PRESENT: Mike Boyle, Matthew Mihalick, Paul Fadus, Bob Rau, Jean Leonard
Chairman **Also Present:** Betsy Paynter, Economic Development Coordinator, George
Benson, Director of Planning, Wes Thompson and Pat Llodra, First Selectwoman.

NOT PRESENT: Elana Bertram and Al Roznicki

Bob Rau called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, Jean Leonard arrived at 7:10pm

Public Participation:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Fadus motioned to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 meeting. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion and all were in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

4. Reports/Discussion/Action

- E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectwoman, discussion of Fairfield Hills:

We need to find the balance between Fairfield Hills and new developers. "Don't chance the impossible chance the possible". We need to increase the population in Newtown in order to make FFH attractive to developers.

The costs are really unknown regarding demolition of a building on Fairfield Hills campus. We don't have a realistic cost and there is no way to properly test for asbestos, etc which then makes it impossible to know what we are dealing with.

In two years another review of the master plan for FFH will be looked at.

- Economic Development Coordinator's Report (Paynter)

Manufacture & Business Breakfast being held on April 8th @ Rock Ridge Country Club, partial sponsored by Newtown Savings Bank

RFP was released for the Sandy Hook Sign and Wayfinding Grant. Wes Thompson made mention to make sure we include Sandy Hook businesses outside of Sandy Hook Village. Such as Short Farms and McLaughlin's Vineyard.

An EDC presence is needed for ribbon cuttings for new business in Newtown.

- Chairwoman, Economic Development Commission (Leonard)

- Review of the 2014 POCD and EDC 2011 Strategic Plan

Tabled

5. Ongoing/Old Business Discussions and Actions

- Municipal Properties
 - Fairfield Hills
 - Batchelder - Tabled
 - Tech Park - Tabled
 - Conference/Office Space – a EDC committee has started conversations regarding a multi-purpose building to include conference center and performance arts center, very preliminary
- Meetings In Town
 - Planning and Zoning - Tabled
 - Sewer -Tabled
 - Board of Finance/Board of Selectmen - Tabled
 - SHOP - Tabled
 - Fairfield Hills Authority - Tabled
- EDC Relationships
 - Library - Tabled
 - Westconn -Tabled
 - Danbury Innovation Center - Tabled
 - CERC/CEDAS - Tabled

6. New Business/Actions - Tabled

7. Adjournment: Jean motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:52pm Bob Rau and Mike Boyle seconded the motion.