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NEWTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Newtown Economic Development Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Paul Fadus, Bob Rau, Wes Thompson, Al Roznicki, James Russo, Jeff Jorgenson (President at REI) and Jean Leonard Chairman

Also Present: Betsy Paynter, Economic Development Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Elana Bertram, Matthew Mihalick

Jean Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Public Participation:

Jeff Jorgenson President of REI, (Newtown Resident) and force behind getting Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Newtown. The proposed areas where this could be made available would be in Fairfield Hills or Edmond Town Hall parking. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection would receive a grant to help Newtown fund the charging stations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Faus motioned to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015 meeting. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

Reports/Discussion/Action

The EDC plans to draft a 2016 economic strategic plan with six major goals and have an action plan behind. The EDC will discuss one topic each month. The EDC goal is to increase the grand list. This will all tie into the seven districts.

Al Roznicki has reviewed similar plans over 70 towns and shared the one he considered to be the best one. Wes Thompson will help in the preparation of drafting a strategic plan.

The EDC and the Cultural Arts Commission meet with the 12/14 Foundation re: A Arts Center Building on the FFH campus, the building that is currently under review is Plymouth Hall. EDC will talk about concepts and see how they can work with the 12/14 Foundation as see how it fits in the overall plan for FFH.

5. Ongoing/Old Business Discussions and Actions:

Municipal Properties Tabled

Fairfield Hills – Tabled

Planning and Zoning - Tabled

Sewer -Tabled

SHOP – All concerts are scheduled and ready to start in early September

Fairfield Hills Authority - Tabled

6. New Business/Actions - Tabled

7. Adjournment: Ms. Leonard motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:51pm Mr. Faus seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandy Hannan

Clerk