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NEWTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MINUTES

The Newtown Economic Development Commission (EDC) held a regular meeting on October 18, 2016 in Meeting Room 3 at 7:00pm at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

Members Present: Bob Rau, Wes Thompson, Matt Mihalcik, Dana Trado, Al Roznicki
Members Absent: Amy Dent, Bill May, Mike Boyle
Staff: George Benson, Director of Planning
Others Present: none

Mr. Rau called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. There was no public participation.
September meeting minutes as submitted will be voted for approval at the next meeting.

Reports: Mr. Benson presented the history of the parcel of land granted to Newtown by the State designating the Economic Development Commission as the developer of record. He described the terms under which the Corps of Engineers indicated that they would approve a conceptual development of the property. The most recent design by Spath and Bjorklund complies with those terms. A discussion followed concerning the various options available for marketing the property and what was required to move forward. It was agreed that the concept needs to be presented to the Corp of Engineers. Matt Mihalcik presented a motion as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Economic Development Commission Resolution that George Benson is requested to send the new 2016 concept drawings for the development of West Brook Property as designed by Spath Bjorklund to the Corps of Engineers and renew the application to develop the property. Mr. Benson is authorized to speak with full authority on behalf of the EDC.

The motion was seconded by Al Roznicki and carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion: Mr. Rau asked for a discussion about the perceived need for a new market assessment. All agreed that we have a significant amount of information from numerous past studies and recent meetings with business owners and developers. The EDC has identified desirable activities and are already working projects to sustain or grow momentum. It was agreed to delay new studies and focus on continuing those actions that contribute to economic growth. The EDC discussed setting priorities yet being flexible to new inbound requests for assistance. It was agreed that we should identify any new big projects requiring CIP approval that are not covered by other town department requests.

Adjournment: With no additional business, Matt Mihalcik made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, Dana Trado seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Wes Thompson, EDC Vice Chairman