



Town Of Willington
Economic Development Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes of
May 18, 2010

Attendees: **Dave Charette, Chairman**
 Walter Parsell
 Marc Jeffreys
 Tyler Millix, Alternate
 Kim Kowalyshyn, Sec.

Absent: Jim Poole (excused)

First Selectman Mailhos

Opened Meeting at 6:11 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Dave moved to approve the Meeting minutes from April 27, 2010. Walter seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

Recent Business Activity:

- Dave will be contacting TicketNetwork to get a feel for what they want and to invite them to a meeting. He will also check out the meeting minutes in Vernon to see just what happened.
- Dave will also be contacting Dawn Lemon who is looking at four (4) parcels in town for a Snow Tubing Park.
- It was asked if Dave had talked with the people interested in the Daily Grind. Dave believes that Jim had been in touch with them but he had heard nothing.
- We have rescheduled our joint meeting with the Board of Selectman and Planning & Zoning to June 15, 2010 at 6:30pm.
- Love's Travel Center has gone before Inland Wetlands. Dave thought it went fairly well and said they will be back to Inland Wetlands next month. After the Inland Wetlands approval they will go to Planning & Zoning.
- We discussed the training class scheduled for June 29, 2010, in Windham called "Basics of Economic Development & Growth". The cost is \$60.00 per town (includes dinner) and anyone interested can attend. It was decided that we should all attend.

-Selectman Mailhos went to a WINCOG meeting and learned of a group called Northeastern Connecticut Economic Partnership. If we become a member of NCEP they can help us bring in Economic Development funds at no additional cost to the town. A discussion was held. Dave made a motion that we go forward with joining Northeastern Connecticut Economic Partnership. Walter seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

-The Building Department permit process and ways to smooth out the process were discussed. Dave brought up the experience of Love's Veterinary Hospital. When they came to town with their plans they sat down with EDC, the Health Dept., and Planning & Zoning. We worked together as a team and it was a good experience for Love's. We would like to institute a policy of this nature so that all businesses that come to town can have this kind of experience.

-Dave made a motion to return the unused portion of our budget (\$590.00) back to the general fund for the fiscal year 2009-2010. Marc seconded. All in favor.

-A discussion was held on what we think our purpose as the Economic Development Committee is in the town of Willington. Marc suggested that we compile a list of all the businesses in town, divide them up amongst us and go out there and let them know that we are here and what we are about. We will look into producing a list of businesses. Dave told us about his experience with the town of Ashford and the great relationships they have with their businesses. He would like to see us have that sort of relationship with our businesses. Marc suggested after we compile our list of businesses that we send out a letter letting them know what's happening with EDC and we will also look into joining the Tolland Chamber of Commerce.

Public Comment:

-No Comments

Ongoing Activities:

-We would like to welcome Tyler Millix to EDC as an alternate. There is currently one alternate seat available on the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Next meeting to be held on June 22, 2010 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Kowalyshyn