



Town Of Willington
Economic Development Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes of
January 26, 2010

Attendees: Jim Poole, Chairman
Dave Charette, Sec.
Walter Parsell

Absent: Mark Peczuh
Marc Jeffreys (excused)

First Selectman Mailhos and resident Kim Kowalshyn.

Opened Meeting at 6:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes from October 27, 2009 approved with one spelling correction.

Old Business:

Love's Travel Center made a Conceptual Plan Presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Love's expects to have a final plan put together for presentation to the commission in February if all goes well. Some concerns were discussed with the plan, but overall the plan seemed well thought out. Some advantages for the town in this development are that Love's is not seeking any tax abatement for the property and they expect to employ 30+ people at the facility. If all goes well they expect an 8-10 month approval period with construction beginning in the spring of 2011.

New Business:

-No new business inquiries at this time. Jim mentioned that M-Core is still evaluating their options.

-Jim stated that since there seems to be a perception issue that Willington is "business unfriendly" he will attend the Board of Selectman's meeting on Monday evening and present the accomplishments that have been reached with businesses over the past few years by the EDC. Other members offered to attend the meeting in support of our efforts and to open up communication between the boards and commissions.

-Discussion was held on what the commission's budget should be for the coming year. We must present to the Board of Finance at the March 4th meeting. It was agreed that \$1000 might be the correct budget number for the coming year due to upcoming training opportunities and an anticipated Business Forum in the fall. This will be revisited at our next scheduled meeting.

-Jim mentioned that we would take up the election of officers for the Commission at our March meeting. Commissioners should think about this in preparation for that meeting.

Public Comment:

-First Selectman Mailhos asked if the EDC had a brochure or packet that could be handed out to prospective businesses. Discussion was held on this and other options the commission had and is considering.

Ongoing Activities:

There are currently two alternate seats available on the Commission.

-Dave offered that Kim Kowalyshyn was interested in joining the EDC as an alternate member. Kim was in attendance and confirmed her interest in the position. Jim said he would pass the recommendation on to the Board of Selectman that Kim be appointed to the EDC as an alternate member. Jim thanked Kim for her interest in being a part of our commission.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Next meeting to be held on February 23, 2010 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Charette