

Town Of Willington Economic Development Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2010

Absent: Marc Jeffreys

Jim Poole (excused)

Attendees: Dave Charette, Chairman

Walter Parsell

Kim Kowalyshyn, Sec. Jackie Silverstein

First Selectman Mailhos

Hope Charette

Opened Meeting at 6:09 pm

Dave moved to seat Jackie Silverstein for Jim Poole. Walt seconded. All in favor, motion passes.

Approval of Minutes:

Dave moved to approve the Meeting minutes from October 26, 2010. Walt seconded. All in favor, motion passes.

Old Business:

- The Copy Center interested in opening up on the corner of Routes 32 & 74 has been approved by Planning & Zoning at a special meeting.
- We went over the partial list of businesses that Kim has typed up. Kim will add two more columns for phone numbers and business types. She will try to have it completed by our next meeting so that everyone can have a copy and edit any information that they have knowledge of.
- Dave received an email from Selectman Mailhos about the Business Directory that we have been interested in doing. She spoke with Lou Bachetti of the Somers EDC and got some information about how they produce their business directory. It is self-funded; however we may need to put up some seed money the first year. There are no legal issues and it has been a great service to the Towns people. Dave also received an email through the Town's website, from Ron at Chase Lumber wanting to know why people coming to town can't find them. Dave stopped down to see him to let him know that we are working on it.

New Business:

- First Selectman Mailhos talked with us about a gentleman who came into the Town Offices today inquiring about the three (3) buildings located on the corners of Route 32 & 74. He

may be interested in opening a restaurant and maybe a drive thru. Selectman Mailhos gave the gentleman Dave's card.

- Dave sat in on a meeting with Selectman Mailhos and Tom Marano of CT Utilities EDC. Mr. Marano is willing to help us have a business forum to help our local businesses say on their electric bills. He also suggested that we get together with commercial brokers so that we can get our town on the map. Jackie asked if we could get a business forum going by spring. Dave thought we should be able to have one by sometime in March.
- We discussed our 2011 budget. All departments are asked to cut 7% from our budgets. That is only \$70.00 for us. Dave would like us to look into what we really need and we will discuss it at our next meeting.
- Dave will be putting together a presentation to present at the State of the Town to be held at the Library on January 12, 2011.
- -. We approved our meeting dates for next year. They are as follows:

January 25, 2011	July-No Meeting
February 22, 2011	August- No Meeting
March 22, 2011	September 27, 2011
April 26, 2011	October 25, 2011
May 24, 2011	November 22, 2011
June 28, 2011	December 27, 2011

Public Comment:

- Hope Charette suggested that we use the Chamber of Commerce to help our businesses and to help us help our businesses.

Ongoing Activities:

- We have one alternate position open.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Next meeting to be held on December 21, 2010 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Kowalyshyn