



Town Of Willington
Economic Development Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes of
January 25, 2011

Attendees: **Dave Charette, Chairman**
 Walter Parsell
 Kim Kowalyshyn, Sec.

Jackie Silverstein
Jim Poole

Opened Meeting at 6:09 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Dave moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 23, 2010. Walt seconded.
Four in favor & one abstention, motion passes.

Old Business:

- Dave mentioned that he noticed a couple of new businesses in the ZBA minutes that he hadn't known about. Jim said that they are located in the Mill and needed to go through ZBA.
- Jim has heard that Loves Travel Plaza is still interested in coming to Willington and is working on answers to our questions.
- Jim has also heard that TA Travel Plaza will be coming to Planning & Zoning to put big lights on a high rise.
- The Farm Store on Route 32 is now open.
- We went over the list of businesses that Kim typed up. A copy was handed out to each member to go over and bring back to the next meeting.
- Dave informed us that our budget was on the docket for February 24th and we needed to decide how much we needed. We discussed the cost of Business Forums, one we decided to have in the Spring with Bryan Hurlbut which won't cost us anything and one we decided to have in mid-November with possibly Northeast Utilities. A discussion was had on having NU host a forum so Dave is going to talk with Tom Marano from NU and invite him to one of our meetings. It was decided that we would submit a budget of \$900.00 for 2011.

New Business:

- Dave let us know that the State of The Town meeting has been postponed until May 18, 2011. His thought was to share our goals with the Towns people. Dave asked us what goals we would like to see accomplished in this Commission. We came up with the following:

- *A Business Directory completed

- *To make ourselves known as a Commission

- *A welcome package that makes businesses feel welcomed as wells helping them.

- *To have new businesses sit down with us as a Commission when they decide to come to town.

Jackie asked if we ever targeted certain types of businesses that we don't have in town to come to our town. Jim said we need to be aware of our limitations, both physical and political. Jim mentioned that the land at the end of Trask Road has been purchased and that the Recycle Center (of construction material) is still looking into coming to Willington. We are all in agreement that we need to get ourselves out to Willington businesses.

- Marc Jeffreys has resigned his position on EDC. Jackie has accepted filling the slot.

Public Comment:

- No public present.

Ongoing Activities:

- We have two alternate positions open.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Next meeting to be held on February 22, 2011 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Kowalyshyn