

MINUTES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
April 12, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman John Allen, Commissioners Kirk Carr, Michael Knudsen, Aman Singh, Andrea Reu, Doug Traynor

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

A motion was made by M. Knudsen, seconded by K. Carr to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Guests: None

Old Business:

Unilever/Clinton Station Update: An update on the Unilever property development was provided.

CME Resources available to EDC: A meeting was held with First Selectman B. Farmer to discuss CME rep. J.Guszkowski working with and for the EDC to help market the town and execute the POCD.

POCD adoption:

- The POCD needs to be executed
- The POCD sections need to be prioritized
- Determination needs to be made of which committee/commission is responsible for implementation of each POCD section
- The commissioners will review the POCD and pull out those sections which indicate EDC is responsible
- The first three items the ECD is responsible for will be prioritized and tackled

EDC involvement in town vetting process:

- The EDC would like to aid the Board of Selectmen in this process; however legal counsel should be consulted prior to any involvement

Local business visitations:

- The EDC will get more organized with visitations to businesses (a list to be compiled by K. Carr)
- A report will be made back to the EDC after each visitation – a short questionnaire filled out when visiting each business to develop data
- MCRC (Middlesex County Revitalization Commission) provides loans for small businesses. D. Traynor is the town's representative to this commission. The loan applications will be made available.

Contact neighboring EDCs:

- J. Allen has met with MCRC and neighboring EDCs

Ombudsman/Town Planner:

- This item is being considered by the Charter Revision Commission.

New Business:

Town Charter Revision Commission:

- A motion was made by K. Carr, seconded by A. Reu to advocate for a town planner at the Charter Revision Commission's April 27, 2016 Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Questioned whether the EDC should continue to do the Clinton Promo.

The website and the link provided to K. Carr's EDC site and the hope to link the CERC site for available properties was discussed.

Evaluating potential impact of reval on Clinton businesses:

- This was touch on briefly

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk