



TOWN of
THOMPSON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

MINUTES: Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

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Chairman Lajoie called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: JoAnn Hall, Ryan Lajoie, John Sharpe and Brian Yacino

Staff Present: Ida Ransom, Recording Secretary

Acceptance of Minutes

1. **Under Reports 4.a. change the spelling of "Lemothe" to "Lamothe". JoAnn Hall moved and John Sharpe seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Reports

1. Treasurer
 - a. There is \$1,617.19 available in the budget as of March 19, 2014. Of this \$1,142.00 is available for the Commission to spend.
 - b. The bill for the street signs for Chase Road Growers was received and processed for payment.
2. Business Street Signs
 - a. With the better weather, Chairman Lajoie will follow through with the head of Public Works to arrange the installation of the signs for Rollie's and Chase Growers.
3. Belding Corticelli Improvement Committee: No update.
4. Update on businesses in Town
 - a. Spartan's Pizza has closed.

Citizens' comments pertaining to Agenda Items

1. Paul Baer asked members of the Commission why they did not have their businesses listed on the Town's web site stating that this is available to all in Thompson who have a business. Persons who are interested should send an email to web@ct.org
2. Mapsgeo is available under several locations on the web site.

New Business: None

Old Business

1. Information Packet
 - a. Discussion of the items to be included in the packet was held. These included, but were not limited to, a "Dear Business Person" welcome letter, street sign application, 2014 Business of the Year Application, various Last Green Valley materials, and EDC brochures.
 - b. For the Expo to be held on Friday, March 21, 2014, these items will be placed in the pocket folders that have the scenes of Thompson on the outside.
 - c. It was noted that there is money available for printing in the current budget; the current brochures may be updated.
2. Thompson's Plan of Conservation and Development: No action
3. Thompson Business Association (TBA)
 - a. The Thompson Business Association will be hold an expo on Friday, March 21, 2013 from 6 – 9 PM at the Knights of Columbus.
 - b. Chairman Lajoie will coordinate the Commission's materials for the Expo. He and John Sharpe will bring their laptops so that the town's web site can be accessed at the Expo. There will be a sign-up sheet to recruit members for the Commission. There will also be a raffle gift available.

4. Economic Development Commission Web Site: No update.

Correspondence

1. From Ida Ransom, dated February 28, 2014, to Paul Lenky, First Selectman, her letter of resignation as Recording Secretary effective May 1, 2014.
2. Bill from East Coast Sign and Supply Inc. for Chase Road Growers in the amount of \$172.00.
3. Business registrations with Town Clerk
 - a. Roger Boisvert filed a trade name certificate with the Town Clerk for "Man Around the House NE, Inc."

Commissioner Comments

1. Chairman Lajoie announced that his application as a candidate for the National Association of Realtors Program "30 Realtors under 30" has been accepted. He is the only candidate from Connecticut. There will be voting on-line from March 21 through 28. He will be sending the details out on how to vote. Winners will be announced in the May edition of their publication.

Next meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

Adjourn

1. Chairman Lajoie adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Ida Ransom
Recording Secretary