



TOWN of
THOMPSON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

MINUTES: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, May 21st, 2014, Merrill Seney Conference Room, Town Hall

Chairman Lajoie called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

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

Staff Present: Andrew Richardson, Recording Secretary

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion made by Joann Hall to accept the minutes from the March 19th, 2014 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. This motion was seconded by Brian Yacino. Two corrections in minutes were made under the “Old Business” section including the deleting of the word be under section 3A and a change in year from 2013 to 2014 under the same section.

JoAnn Hall – Yes, Brian Yacino – Yes, Ryan Lajoie – Yes.

Reports:

1. Treasurer:
There is \$1,459.53 in the Commission’s account as of May 21, 2014.
2. Business Street Signs:
 - a. Signs for Chase Road Growers and Rollie’s Store both went up but had some problems. One of Rollie’s signs was initially installed in the wrong place but this problem has since been straightened out. Chase Road extension sign for Chase Road Growers did not go up.
 - b. Fire Department would like a sign.
 - c. Ordered stickers to cover old Johnston and Associate’s sign since their sign was moved.
 - d. Lord Thompson Manner wanted a sign on the end of 395 off-ramp but a sign cannot go there.
3. Belding Corticelli Improvement Committee: No update.
4. Update on businesses in Town:
 - a. Osteoporosis PT has opened up a physical therapy center at 414 Lowell Davis Road in North Grosvenordale.

Citizens’ comments pertaining to Agenda Items

1. No Citizens comments.

New Business:

1. Members discussed asking for applications and having a presence at the upcoming Community Day.

Old Business:

1. Information Packet:
 - a. Members discussed having the Information Packet mostly together and adding to it as needed.
 - b. The idea of bringing a packet to new businesses such as Osteoporosis PT and Carelot was also discussed.

2. Thompson's Plan of Conservation and Development: No update.
3. Thompson Business Association (TBA):
 - a. No new update though Brian Yacino expressed some disappointment at number of people present at meeting following expo.
4. Economic Development Commission Web Site:
 - a. Ryan Lajoie stated there was nothing to add yet but that the Commission will likely add Business of the Year in the near future.

Correspondence:

1. From Paul Lenky and Mary Ann Chinatti, dated April 23rd, 2014, to Ryan Lajoie, thanked the Economic Development Commission for their letter of support of a grant.
2. Bills: None
3. Business registrations with Town Clerk:
 - a. Opening of Osteoporosis PT on 414 Lowell Davis Road in North Grosvenordale.

Commissioner Comments:

1. Chairman Lajoie suggested that Recording Secretary Andrew Richardson keep the same format for agendas and minutes as the previous Recording Secretary.
2. A discussion was had about possibly moving meeting times to 6:00 PM during the winter months.
3. A discussion was had regarding the new town e-mails and how to access them.

Next meeting:

1. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 18th, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

Adjourn:

1. Chairman Lajoie adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Andrew Richardson
Recording Secretary