



TOWN of
THOMPSON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

MINUTES: Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, June 18th, 2014, Merrill Seney Conference Room, Town Hall

Chairman Lajoie called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

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

Staff Present: Andrew Richardson, Recording Secretary

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion made by Joann Hall to accept the minutes from the May 21st, 2014 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. This motion was seconded by Brian Santos. No corrections in minutes were made.

JoAnn Hall – Yes, Brian Santos – Yes, John Sharpe – Yes, Ryan Lajoie – Yes

Reports:

1. Treasurer:
There is \$1,359.53 in the Commission's account as of June 18, 2014.
2. Business Street Signs:
 - a. Last month's issues with Chase Road Growers and Rowley's have been resolved.
 - b. Thompson Hill Fire Department signs came in and were delivered.
 - c. Replacement stickers for Johnston and Associate's came in as well.
 - d. Letter was sent off to Lord Thompson Manner apologizing for not being able to put a sign where they wanted one to be. Mr. Lajoie made some recommendations in the letter and also returned their check.
3. Belding Corticelli Improvement Committee:
 - a. A meeting was held to discuss the recent grant and to see what the next step going forward will be.
 - b. There will also be a sign to let the town's people know about the grant for approximately \$200,000.
4. Update on businesses in Town:
 - a. Samuel Stevens Real Estate closed.
 - b. Able Ark LLC closed.
 - c. The Junk Trunk closed
 - d. It was also suggested that in the future a line for a business's address be added to the forms for businesses that have recently closed.
 - e. Friendly Market changed their name to Sunny's.
 - f. Del Rio listed their property for sale.
 - g. Mr. Lajoie discussed that he had not have an opportunity to reach out to Osteoporosis PT or Carelot Day Care with information packets but that he still intends to get them out soon.

Citizens' comments pertaining to Agenda Items

1. No Citizens comments.

New Business: No new business.

Old Business:

1. Information Packet:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie again discussed wanting to get out information packets to Osteoporosis PT and Carelot Day Care sometime in the near future.
2. Thompson's Plan of Conservation and Development:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie discussed how this is an ongoing area of focus and that everything is currently in line with the goals that the Commission had set previously with the exception of the Commission maintaining a more prominent presence on the town website.
3. Thompson Business Association (TBA): No new update.
4. Economic Development Commission Web Site:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie discussed how this is also an ongoing item but that they do have the ability to put anything up on the website at any time. Possibly speaking with a webmaster was also brought up by Mr. Santos and discussed between the members.

Correspondence:

1. An invitation to Thompson Community Day received from Wendy Kirkland of the Thompson Community Day Planning Committee. The date of Community Day is Sunday, September 28th, 2014 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Mr. Lajoie stated that the Commission will fill out the form and get back to them. He also asked the members if they were still on board for doing a business of the year and everyone agreed yes.
2. Bills: \$80.00 was spent on signs, \$12.00 was spent on shipping, and \$8.00 was spent on replacement overlays. \$100.00 in total was spent.

Commissioner Comments:

1. Chairman Lajoie mentioned that street signs will continue to be something that will be pushed.

Next meeting:

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

Adjourn:

1. Chairman Lajoie adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Andrew Richardson
Recording Secretary