



TOWN of THOMPSON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Minutes: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall, 6:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

1. Chairman Brian Yacino called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, H. Charles Obert, Brian Santos, John Sharpe (entered the meeting at 6:35 PM) and Brian Yacino
3. Members Absent: None
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
5. Also Present: Steve Herbert

II. Approval of Minutes

1. April 20, 2016
 - a. **JoAnn Hall moved and Brian Santos seconded the motion to approve the April 20, 2016 meeting minutes.**
JoAnn Hall- Yes H. Charles Obert- Yes
Brian Santos- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes
The motion carried unanimously.

III. Reports

1. Treasurer
 - a. JoAnn Hall reported that there is a balance of approximately \$1,750.44.
2. Update on Businesses in Town
 - a. The Commission discussed the grand opening of Dollar General.
 - b. John Sharpe entered the meeting at 6:35 PM.

IV. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items

1. Steve Herbert informed the Commission that there is \$75,000 included in the proposed Town budget to be voted on at Referendum for an Economic Development Commissioner/Director (title to be determined). It was initially suggested by a member of the audience at a Board of Finance meeting, and it was seconded by some BOF members and opposed by others. The position would be a full-time basis, but is only funded for part of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 so the position would not start July 1, 2016. H. C. Obert suggested that the EDC is in a position to write the job description for that position. J. Sharpe clarified that the idea at the BOF meeting was to bring in someone to Thompson like Delpha Very who works for Putnam, to start moving Thompson forward and enticing business and growth. The Commission briefly discussed ideas to begin writing a job description.
2. Steve Herbert also stated that he spoke to Dan Julian at the Industrial Park to ask if he would come to speak to the EDC at a meeting. The Commission discussed the proposed sewer/water connection for the Industrial Park, as well as future traffic possibilities to and from the Industrial Park.

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V. Old Business

1. Developing an Identity/Brand for Thompson
 - a. H. C. Obert asked when NECCOG would be meeting with the EDC again, to which B. Santos answered that the Commission should reach out to them once they've completed their "assignment."

VI. New Business

1. List of "Stakeholders"
 - a. Suggestions for individuals to be included on the list: Lynn and Al Landry, Father Richard, Carl and Donna Grant from TEEG, Joseph Lindley and Joseph Iamartino from the Historical Society, Alison Boutaugh at the Library, Angela Hachey from the Recreation Department, Larry Groh, Jr. from the Board of Finance, Ryan Lajoie, Kerstin Forrester, Heather Santos, Dan Julian, Ray Faucher, Frank McGarry, Steve Herbert, Ken Beausoleil, Leo Adams, and the Branch Manager of Citizen's Bank.
 - b. The Commission also briefly discussed the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

VII. Correspondence: None

VIII. Comments by Commission Members: None

IX. Next Meeting

1. June 15, 2016: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

X. Adjourn

1. **H. Charles Obert moved and JoAnn Hall seconded the motion to adjourn.**

JoAnn Hall- Yes	H. Charles Obert- Yes	Brian Santos- Yes
John Sharpe- Yes	Brian Yacino- Yes	

The motion carried unanimously.
2. Chairman Brian Yacino adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary