



# TOWN of THOMPSON

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Minutes: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, September 21, 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 6:34 PM.
2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, Robert Larkin (not seated), H. Charles Obert (entered at 6:37 PM), Brian Santos (entered at 6:44 PM), John Sharpe, and Brian Yacino
3. Members Absent: None
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
5. Also Present: Ken Beausoleil and Missy Desrochers

#### II. Approval of Minutes

1. August 17, 2016
  - a. **JoAnn Hall moved and John Sharpe seconded the motion to approve the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes as written.**  
JoAnn Hall- Yes      John Sharpe- Yes      Brian Yacino- Yes  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. Reports

1. Treasurer
  - a. J. Hall reported that there is \$52,525.84 available.
2. Update on Businesses in Town
  - a. H. C. Obert entered the meeting at 6:37 PM.
  - b. The Commission discussed Famous Frank's and Dunkin Donuts. K. Beausoleil mentioned that Mack's Catering will be opening in Quinebaug. Our Father's Table has opened at 1020 Riverside Dr. The Commission briefly discussed Johnson Corrugated, 929 Riverside Dr., and the Old Quinn's Shirt Shop.
  - c. Brian Santos entered the meeting at 6:44 PM.

#### IV. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items: None

#### V. Old Business

1. Discussion Regarding NECCOG Branding Study
  - a. B. Yacino stated that the invitation letter went out, and seven people (not including EDC members) responded with a 'yes.' The Commission agreed to have M. A. Chinatti send out a follow-up email to anyone who has not yet replied.

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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VI. New Business

1. Charlene Langlois, Thompson Business Association (TBA)
  - a. M. Desrochers spoke on behalf of the TBA. They are interested in compiling a list of new businesses because the TBA would like to send them something to welcome to the Town. TBA will be present at Community Day. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
  - b. B. Yacino mentioned that they would TBA and EDC would like to work together to resurrect the sign program. The company that was making them can continue at approximately \$50 per sign.
  - c. M. Desrochers stated that there will be a Business Expo at the Knights of Columbus sometime in March during Lent.
2. Website Review
  - a. B. Yacino stated that he has not yet fixed some of the typos discussed at the previous meeting.
  - b. K. Beausoleil gave a brief explanation of the status of the Town's website.

VII. Correspondence

1. Director of Planning and Development Report
  - a. B. Yacino stated that M. A. Chinatti apologized that she could not attend the meeting, but she did distribute a memo. The memo stated that Frank and Charlene Langlois received an award from the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, which the Commission briefly discussed.
  - b. B. Yacino stated that the memo also mentions that the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) will be doing a survey of businesses in Thompson. K. Beausoleil gave a further explanation of that project.

VIII. Comments by Commission Members

1. J. Hall stated that M. A. Chinatti's memo recommends inviting NECCOG to the next meeting. The Commission was in agreement that NECCOG should be invited to the next meeting. B. Yacino agreed to contact John Filchak.
2. K. Beausoleil stated that he can put something on the website regarding the invitation to stakeholders.
3. The Commission briefly discussed Quaddick Road Bridge and the Airline Trail.

IX. Next Meeting

1. October 19, 2016: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

X. Adjourn

1. **H. Charles Obert moved and John Sharpe seconded the motion to adjourn.**  
JoAnn Hall- Yes                      H. Charles Obert- Yes                      John Sharpe- Yes  
Brian Santos- Yes                      Brian Yacino- Yes
2. Chairman B. Yacino adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Tina Fox  
Recording Secretary