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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

SENEY MEETING ROOM Town Hall 6:30 P.M.

Minutes

I. The call to order was by Chair Brian Yacino at 6:31 PM

Present: Chairman Brian Yacino

Absent: Brian Santos

Jo Ann Hall

H. Charles Obert

Tyra Penn-Gesek

John Sharpe

Robert Larkin

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, ex officio

Kelley Genest, Recording Secretary

II. Motion to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2018 by C. Obert seconded by R. Larkin carried unanimously.

III. Reports

1. Chairman: attended The Faraway Café Wind-Down Wednesday TBA event prior to tonight's meeting. Great attendance and thriving business.

2. Treasurer: balance on hand on Thursday, January 31, 2019 was \$26,861. The dessert invoice from the Branding Implementation event is outstanding.

3. Other reports: none

IV. Update on Businesses in Town

One new Trade Name

** Racing Electronics

Two new Home Occupation Permit Approvals

** Michelle Renae

** Krohn Kutz Tree Service

V. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items - none

VI. Old Business

- a. Review: February 6: Branding Implementation Plan/Strategy“ unveiling” event
J. Hall reported positive vibes from the fabulous presentation and audience participation. K. Beausoleil reported he is excited to see the video D. Durst created from the event. A long and short version will be posted on the website.
- b. Discussion: Next step in implementation of the Strategic Plan
Branding Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.
- c. Welcome Letter: Commission is in agreement the letter dated January 16, 2019 has all revisions needed. **Motion to move forward with Welcome Letter dated January 16, 2019 by C. Obert seconded by R. Larkin carried unanimously.** The letter should be sent out to all new and existing businesses. K. Beausoleil suggested contacting the Assessor’s Office to get a list of the current businesses and their addresses.

VII. New Business:

R. Waldron asked if the EDC will consider purchasing four additional six pocket Business Card Holders for the Town Hall. **Motion to allocate \$50 to purchase Business Card Holders by C. Obert seconded by J. Sharpe carried unanimously.**

VIII. Progress reports:

1. Website: Feedback agendas/minutes - were asked to be separated in the list on the website, to clarify the two groups for the public. It was explained these are already separated on the webpage. Discussed whether EDC needs a customized sub-page. Fillable forms would be beneficial. Continue the discussion at the next meeting.
2. Zoning Regulations revision- Will meet more frequently to finish the regulations by the end of April 2019.
3. Town Planner position- K. Beausoleil reported the resumes have been given to the Board of Selectmen to review. He is hoping to start interviews within the next couple of weeks.
4. 929 Riverside Drive – Johnston & Associates Real Estate is leasing space to Businesses and filling up the space. Development of the property will be done in phases.

IX. Correspondence;

1. Handouts from newspapers about regional Trails upgrades
2. A revision of the expiration terms of the EDC was prepared by the town clerk:

Economic Development Commission Member	Correct end of term date
H. Charles Obert	12/31/2019
Tyra Penn-Gesek Alternate	12/31/2019
John Sharpe	12/31/2019
Robert Larkin Alternate	12/31/2019

Joann Hall

12/31/2021

Brian Santos

12/31/2020

All others remain as posted.

X. Comments by Commission Members: K. Beausoleil reminded the EDC they should start reviewing the projects they plan to fund. J. Sharpe suggested thinking of projects and ideas for the next meeting and stated we need to earmark funds for this year and potentially next year.

XI. Next Meeting: March 20, 2019, 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

XII. Adjournment was at 8:00 PM by Chair B. Yacino.

Respectfully Submitted; Kelley Genest Recording Secretary *Kelley Genest*

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Economic Development Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.