



# TOWN of THOMPSON

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Minutes: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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 6:31 PM.
2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, H. Charles Obert, and John Sharpe (entered at 6:36 PM), and Brian Yacino.
3. Members Absent: Robert Larkin, and Brian Santos
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary  
Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development
5. Also Present: Ken Beausoleil, Brian Loffredo, and Tyra Penn-Gesek.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

1. January 18, 2017
  - a. **JoAnn Hall moved and H. Charles Obert seconded the motion to approve the January 18, 2017 meeting minutes as written.**  
JoAnn Hall- Yes                      H. Charles Obert-Yes                      Brian Yacino- Yes  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. Reports

1. Treasurer
  - a. J. Hall reported that there is \$51,922.94 left in the budget.
2. Update on Businesses in Town
  - a. The Commission discussed the new bakery in North Grosvenordale, as well as a business called "Monster Detailer" that opened in the old Quinebaug fire station.

#### IV. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items

1. Tyra Penn-Gesek provided comments regarding the previous Branding/Identity Committee meeting.
2. Brian Loffredo provided comments regarding the previous Branding/Identity Committee meeting. Some discussion with the Commission followed. The Commission discussed slogans, small businesses, and the separate villages within Thompson.

#### V. Old Business

1. Continue Discussion Regarding NECCOG Branding Study/Branding Identity Committee Meeting
  - a. B. Yacino stated that he took minutes at the meeting, but he is waiting to get the attendance list back from Hoween Flexer. The next meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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2. Business Expo March 24<sup>th</sup>
  - a. H. C. Obert stated that the brochure for the expo looks great and should be put on the website as well.
  - b. M. A. Chinatti pointed out a few items that need to be revised on the brochure.
  - c. B. Yacino, H. C. Obert, and J. Sharpe agreed to attend the expo on behalf of EDC.
  - d. The Commission discussed how many brochures to have printed and where to print them.
3. January 25<sup>th</sup> Mill Meeting
  - a. H. C. Obert stated that the meeting was well attended, with about 4 out of 5 people believing the mill should be refurbished.
  - b. M. A. Chinatti stated that the building has a lot of potential. It is currently under contract with a 15 day extension, and at the end of 15 days, if the current developer does not move forward, the owner will move on to the next developer. Some discussion regarding the mill followed.

VI. New Business

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Comments by Commission Members

1. K. Beausoleil discussed the website and asked the Commission to consider if they would support using funds from the EDC budget to upgrade the website. There was a consensus to use EDC funds toward the website.

IX. Next Meeting

1. The next REGULAR meeting of the Commission is March 15, 2017: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

X. Adjourn

1. Chairman B. Yacino adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Tina Fox  
Recording Secretary