



TOWN of THOMPSON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Minutes: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, January 18, 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 6:30 PM.
2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, Robert Larkin, H. Charles Obert, Brian Santos, John Sharpe (entered at 7:05 PM), and Brian Yacino.
3. Members Absent: None
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
5. Also Present: Ken Beausoleil

Alternate Robert Larkin was seated.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. November 16, 2016

- a. **H. Charles Obert moved and JoAnn Hall seconded the motion to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes as written.**

JoAnn Hall- Yes

Robert Larkin- Yes

H. Charles Obert-Yes

Brian Santos-Yes

Brian Yacino- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

III. Reports

1. Treasurer

- a. J. Hall reported that for the December meeting, EDC would have had \$52,188.10. Currently, there is \$52,075.52 left.

2. Update on Businesses in Town

- a. The Commission discussed one new Trade Name Certificate for Junior's Welding. The Commission also discussed a new bakery across the street from St. Joseph's church, the previous Del Rio building being demolished, the new café called Our Father's Table, and the mills at 929 Riverside Dr. and 630 Riverside Dr. There is a meeting on January 25th at 6:30 PM at the Library to discuss the mill at 929 Riverside Dr. (across from the library). At the regular Board of Selectmen meeting of February 21st at 7:00 PM, the Brownfield report for 630 Riverside Dr. will be presented.

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

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V. Old Business

1. Continue Discussion Regarding NECCOG Branding Study/Branding Identity Committee Meeting
 - a. B. Yacino stated that the meeting has been re-scheduled for February 8th at 6:30 PM at the Library. The Thompson Business Association will hold their meeting at 5:30 PM in the same room and will stay for the Branding meeting.
 - b. There was general discussion regarding the future Branding meetings, and what EDC is looking for from those meetings.

VI. New Business

1. B. Yacino stated that the Business Expo will be on March 24th, and EDC can set up a table for \$40. People put out candy, flyers, etc. on their tables, as well as donating a raffle prize. There was a consensus to set up a table at the Business Expo. The Commission discussed the possibility of printing copies of a previous brochure to distribute at the Expo.
2. The Commission also discussed the Town website, and a possible EDC Facebook page.

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Comments by Commission Members

1. J. Hall stated that she received an email about a 23 acre parcel of land that abuts the school that someone would like to use to develop a 55+ community. There was discussion regarding which property this actually is. K. Beausoleil stated that the 23 acres is likely where the proposed solar field would be developed. The project is still being considered by the appropriate Boards.

IX. Next Meeting

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

X. Adjourn

1. Chairman B. Yacino adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary