

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
April 17, 2014

Meeting called to order by Brad Martin, Chair at 8:08

Attending members: Brad Martin, Ginny Apple, Tim Sullivan, and Kevin Noblet. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman

Review of minutes: A motion was made by Tim Sullivan and seconded by Kevin Noblet to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

A motion was made by Ginny Apple, seconded by Kevin Noblet, and approved unanimously to add approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 3, 2014 to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kevin Noblet and seconded by Tim Sullivan to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2014 Special Meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Discussion:

Sewer line on Route 44 – no activity at this time

Fairground walking trail – Don Stein met with Matt Cook, president of the Riverton Fair Association regarding the proposed walking trail. Matt was going to talk to other members of the Association to determine if there was any interest in working with the Town on this project. He would then close the loop with Don, if the Association would entertain this new use of the fairground.

Library – The Commission discussed the status of the study of developing a library in the Pleasant Valley General Store building. The Town has met with representatives of the Beardsley Library and they are very supportive of working with us on this project. The next steps would be to develop the application for the State grant that would pay for 50% of the acquisition, renovation and outfitting of the library. However, before the application is made, the Town would have to approve the initial funding and the on-going expense for a library. These details will be developed and presented at a future meeting if the project is approved by the appropriate Town Boards.

Postcards/Brochures – Ginny Apple has contacted an artist who might be interested in creating an illustrated map of the Town showing the various businesses and natural attractions. She has also received the postcards which were approved at the Special Meeting and is distributing them to outlets in Town.

Earth day/River Clean up – Set for April 27th at Peoples State Forest pavilion. Tentative schedule is 12:00-2:00 for clean-up, 2:00-4:30 kids and educational events. There are a number of

programs scheduled for that day, as well as several exhibitors. The Lions Club will participate and will organize the clean-up along West River Road.

A motion was made by Kevin Noblet and seconded by Tim Sullivan to allocate \$30 for promotion of the Earth Day event on Facebook to determine if increased traffic is directed to the Facebook page or event notice. This is being viewed as a way to learn about gaining better visibility for Town events.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Noblet, seconded by Tim Sullivan at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein
First Selectman/Temporary Secretary