

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 17, 2015**

**Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM**

**Attending members:** Ross Herzog, Ginny Apple, Tim Sullivan, and Mark Mahoney. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman.

**Review of minutes:** On a motion made by Ginny Apple, seconded by Tim Sullivan, and passed unanimously (Mark Mahoney abstained), the minutes of July 16, 2015 and August 20, 2015 were approved.

**Discussion:**

- Ginny Apple reported that she is in the process of getting a new student from the Community College to work on the Brochure/Walking Map. The previous student intern is no longer available.
- Don Stein reported that the Hitchcock Chair business was successful in buying the property in Riverton and that they would be staying in town, both for manufacturing and sales.
- Don Stein indicated that the next step in the Greenwoods path activity was for a small group from the committee investigating feasible options to walk the property and to map out possible path routes that minimize environmental impacts. The current path from Pleasant Valley to New Hartford has been mapped and these GIS points will be supplemented to define a recommended routing. Once that has been done, the committee will meet again to flesh out a strategy to be followed to determine if there is public support to improve the path.
- The Commission indicated that it wanted to move forward with the holiday lighting of the Pleasant Valley Bridge. The Fire Department has indicated its willingness to help hang the lights and to provide a generator for this year. Don Stein agreed to fill out the permit from the Connecticut DOT and to price out the number of lights that would be needed.
- The concept of a footbridge across the Farmington River where the prior bridge had been until the 1955 flood has been presented to the newly formed Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forests (FALPS). They are in favor of the concept and will support it. Don Stein will start researching grants that would help with what would be an expensive project, but one which could be a big plus for tourism in town.
- Mark Mahoney reported that the Lions Club will be putting together the Halloween Event at the old Hitchcock Factory in Riverton for the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup>. They may obtain insurance from Lions International, but will need volunteer support beyond their membership. Mark will reach out to the residents for volunteers for this event, which had previously been run by the PTO in the School.

- Don Stein discussed the new Plan of Conservation and Development, which is required by the State to be completed by 2017. PZC and the Selectmen are holding a kick-off meeting on October 7, and Ross Herzog and Bob Geiger will be attending for the EDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Ross Herzog, seconded by Tim Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein  
First Selectman