

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Minutes
April 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:41 PM

Attending members: Ross Herzog, Ginny Apple, Bob Pulford, and Kathy Williams. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Review of minutes: On a motion made by Kathy Williams, seconded by Bob Pulford, and passed unanimously, the Special Meeting minutes of March 29, 2017 were approved.

Earth Day: The EDC discussed what needed to get done for Earth Day and who was available:

- Don Stein and Kevin Noblet will be grilling for the event – food to be served will include hot dogs, buns, cookies, chips, water, and the Riverton Store will provide pizza.
- A few members will meet at the Town Garage at 10:00 to pick up chairs and tables and a whiteboard
- Lights will be put in place at the pavilion and the Riverton FD will bring a generator and the grill
- Traffic cones will be placed on West River Road since it is expected that folks will visit Squires Tavern
- Events will include a Wildlife Scavenger hunt, live Falconry and Birds of Prey Show (from 3:30-4:30 p.m.), talks on eagles, pollinator gardens, wildlife photography, fire starting, the river, the plight of Monarch butterflies, a fly fishing clinic, and a river insect walk.
- The Conservation Commission and the EDC are both contributing funds for the event, which drew roughly 600 people last year.

Discussion: Don Stein informed the Commission that there were on-going discussions with the property manager for the Mallory Brook Plaza regarding the possibility of extending sewers from Winsted to the Plaza, which would then solve the septic problem in the Plaza. The foreclosing bank is working through Readco, who is managing the property, to try to rent the empty stores and then to ultimately sell it.

No other business visitations had taken place, but the Riverton Merchants are still trying to organize a community discussion of events and ways to promote the Town. A firm date has not yet been set for

that meeting, after a couple of possible dates fell through. It was also suggested that Don Stein revisit the idea of a walking path around the perimeter of the Riverton Fairgrounds.

The Still River Music Festival is proceeding at the Riverton Fairgrounds on June 24. It is being organized by Darcy Abbott of New Hartford and will benefit AIM for a Better Tomorrow, a non-profit organization that supports and creates art and music programming for at-risk populations in multiple communities. It will be held from noon until 10:00PM and will feature many local bands, and will also have attractions for various age groups.

Don Stein and Ginny have access to the visitct.com State website so that we can post events for statewide and out-of-state coverage.

Brochure Walking Map: Don Stein will check with Kevin Noblet as to the status of the Brochure and Walking Map and the plan is to apply in the Fall to the Community Foundation for a grant to cover printing. FALPS recently got a grant from them for about \$1200 to cover the costs of maps and flyers for Peoples and American Legion State Forest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM, on a motion by Bob Pulford and seconded by Kathy Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein
First Selectman