

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM

Attending members: Ross Herzog, Ginny Apple, Bob Pulford, Bob Geiger, Kevin Noblet, Mark Mahoney and Bill Bowles. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman.

Review of minutes: On a motion made by Ginny Apple, seconded by Bob Pulford, and passed unanimously (Mark Mahoney abstained), the minutes of February 18, 2016 were approved.

Discussion: The members reviewed the table of businesses that had been provided and from which 20 businesses had been recommended by Don Stein (see attached list). Commission members are requested to provide feedback on which businesses they would like to visit, and Kevin Noblet and Bob Pulford are working on questions to be used in the meetings with the business owners. Other items to be covered in those meetings are: available tax abatements from the town, packets of info about state and Federal aid (SBA, USDA, CERC, SCORE) and the Chamber of Commerce. Other ideas discussed include:

- Inviting the sole proprietors in town to a forum discuss if there are ways they can help each other
- Develop a welcome kit for new businesses
- Put a sign in front of town hall and the town garage to urge people to “support local businesses”
- Give the business owners a set of Barkhamsted postcards when we meet with them to show appreciation

Earth Day: On a motion made by Kevin Noblet, seconded by Mark Mahoney and passed unanimously, the EDC approved the allocation of \$500 for Earth Day expenses, which also includes signs for the Riverton Fishing Derby (possibly to be covered by the Conservation Commission). There was discussion about the list of tasks that needed attention either prior to or the day of the event. Bob Pulford volunteered to see if he could rig lights in the pavilion at Peoples Forest, which has been very dark for those wanting to see the displays. Bill Bowles will do the food as he did last year and Don Stein will see if he can get all 3 fire departments to participate. We will also try to find out who the individual was who did the Native American talk at last year’s July 4th celebration.

Town Signs: Bill Bowles is able to get wooden signs for the entrances to town at no cost to the town, but we need to check on what the CONNDOT rules would be for large signs (Don Stein action).

Discussion of other items on the agenda was tabled due to the late hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein
First Selectman

TAXPAYER	DBA	IN_CARE_OF	PROP_LOC_ST_NO	PROP_LOC_ST_NAME	EDC VOLUNTEER(S)
CENTURY WOODWORKING LLC		GETZ MALCOLM JR	40	RIVER RD	
DURALITE INC		PAULA JESSEN	15	SCHOOL ST	
EDWARD E JONES & SONS INC		JONES JOHN	57	RIVER RD	
FARBIL LLC	SEARS HOMETOWN STORE	HUBBARD THOMAS F	380	NEW HARTFORD RD	
GOULET PRINTERY		GOULET CYRIL	115	NEW HARTFORD RD	
GREENWOOD PETER	GREENWOOD GLASS		3	ROBERTSVILLE RD	
HITCHCOCK CHAIR CO LTD LLC	STILL RIVER ANTIQUES	SWENSON RICHARD	13	RIVERTON RD	
J BAZZANO COMPANY LLC	PLEASANT VALLEY FENCE		77	RIVER RD	
LIGHTSTAT INC		C/O SALLY ROY	22	W WEST HILL	
LOMBARD FORD INC		C/O ROBERT N LOMBARD	385	NEW HARTFORD RD	
OLD RIVERTON INN LLC		TELFORD MARK A	436	EAST RIVER RD	
RIVERTON GENERAL STORE LLC		DIMARTINO LESLIE	2	MAIN ST	
SORAGHAN CONSTRUCTION LLC	SORAGHAN WOODWORKING	SORAGHAN PAUL	4	OLD NORTH RD	
STERLING ENGINEERING CORPORATION THE		LAVIERI CHRISTINA	236	NEW HARTFORD RD	
STEWARTS AUTO PARTS INC		STEWART GARY JAMES	109	NEW HARTFORD RD	
TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO #754	MARVIN F POER AND COMPANY	380	NEW HARTFORD RD	
TRU HITCH INC		MARTIN MAROLA	16	W WEST HILL	
WHITE PINES LLC	WHITE PINES CAMPSITES	FINKEL RICHARD	232	OLD NORTH RD	
WINSTED FEED & SUPPLY LLC		MILES RICHARD D & MARIAN L	240	NEW HARTFORD RD	

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