

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 20, 2015**

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM**

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

**Review of minutes:** The minutes of July 16, 2015 were not available at the meeting, and will be reviewed and approved at the next EDC meeting on September 17, 2015.

**Discussion:**

- Ginny Apple reported that the brochure/walking map activities would be re-started once the student volunteer returned to Northwestern Community College for the fall semester. No progress was made over the summer as the student was not available to work on the project.
- Don Stein confirmed that Bob Santy, the President and CEO of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC), a statewide nonprofit public-private partnership that provides economic development services consistent with state strategies, will conduct an economic development training session at the EDC's November 19 meeting. That training will be town-specific and will be available to other boards, commissions and residents who are interested in learning more about the town and strategies to improve our economic base.
- Greenwoods Path – the joint committee with New Hartford will meet on September 1 and will attempt to refine the concept to the point that it can be presented to the Town and State regulators. There will also be public meetings for the committee to receive input once there is a concept available for presentation.
- Ginny has established the needed methodology for submitting items to the State tourism calendar, which requires about a 60-day lead time. Earth Day for next year is submitted, and we can add other items as they are planned and scheduled. Don Stein will also provide the members with the Google calendar that Brad Martin had set up to see if the town wants to use it for EDC, Rec, PTO and other types of activities. That will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Don Stein informed the Commission that there was a newspaper article that Hitchcock Furniture was closing its Riverton operations and was moving to a larger site in Winsted that would accommodate both its manufacturing and retail operations. Unfortunately, they could not afford to expand in Riverton and needed more space. They will accomplish this by the move and at a lower monthly cost.
- General – There was discussion regarding adding a historical cemetery tour to the Halloween event that is being planned by Mark Mahoney and the Lions Club. Don Stein also will reach out to the Fire Department to see if they can help if the EDC proceeds with lighting the Pleasant Valley Bridge, and there was no news regarding potential sales of the General Store or the adjacent

houses that are for sale in Pleasant Valley. Ginny also proposed we consider a food truck festival combined with a “battle of the bands” for next year – Don Stein will discuss this with Karl Gallmeyer who put together this summer’s Riverton music festival, which was well-attended.

- Don Stein will report at the next meeting about the Greenwoods path, the lighting of the PV Bridge, and the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge across the Farmington by American Legion Forest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein  
First Selectman