

**Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Brad Martin, Chair at 8:30 PM

Attending members: Brad Martin, Ginny Apple, Jim Becketl, and Karen Whitter. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman

Review of minutes: A motion was made by Ginny Apple and seconded by Jim Becketl to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved, except for an abstention by Karen Whitter. A typo was noted in the minutes where the word "video" was misspelled as "fideo" in the paragraph entitled Brochures/Events.

Discussion:

The meeting focused on a discussion with Tom Goddu of New Hartford who is developing a series of signposts which would have QR codes that would bring a smartphone user to a website that described what was significant at that site. Tom is developing this as a history trail in New Hartford and would be interested in working with Barkhamsted, also. He has received a small stipend from the New Hartford EDC and has approached the Historical Societies of both Towns for support. He has also developed a concept for the website (www.historytrail.org) and would use an app called Historypin as a guide to the trail.

The members discussed how this approach could be used in various parts of the Town (Pleasant Valley/People's Forest/Riverton) and were enthusiastic about working with Tom and the folks in New Hartford. Tom was going to provide us with an estimate of the cost of an initial set of codes and signposts for consideration by the EDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein
Acting Secretary