

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2014

Meeting called to order by at 7:35 PM

Attending members: Brad Martin, Tim Sullivan, Bob Geiger, Ross Herzog, Mark Mahoney, Kevin Noblet (by phone), Ginny Apple (7:50). Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman

Mark Mahoney was seated for Karen Whitter.

The Commission also noted that this was Brad Martin's last meeting on the EDC as he has chosen to step down and not be re-appointed. The Commission thanked him for his efforts and leadership and accepted his decision reluctantly. There was also consensus to ask the Board of Selectman to move Mark Mahoney from an alternate position to a full membership.

Review of minutes: A motion was made by Bob Geiger and seconded by Kevin Noblet to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion: Ross Herzog was elected chairman on a motion by Bob Geiger, seconded by Ginny Apple and passed unanimously. Tim Sullivan was elected vice-chairman on a motion by Ginny Apple, seconded by Bob Geiger and passed unanimously.

Motion: The attached meeting dates (3rd Thursday of the month) were approved for 2015 on a motion by Tim Sullivan, seconded by Ginny Apple and passed unanimously.

Discussion:

- No updates were available on the sewer lines from Winsted or the status of the Pleasant Valley General Store. Don Stein stated that he would work with State and Federal legislators to attempt to find grants for the sewers, which may be critical to the viability of Ledgebrook Shopping Center.
- Ginny Apple reported that she has been able to recruit students from the Northwest CT Community College to create a tourist map spanning from Riverton to Pleasant Valley. Kevin and Mark offered to assist with this project.
- Tim and Don agreed to work together to start the process of defining a possible bridge over the Farmington River to connect People's State Forest and American Legion State Forest in the area where the bridge was washed out in the 1955 flood. This was of interest to the EDC as a possible project for a 2015 STEAP grant application.
- Ginny has scheduled the 2015 Earth Day event for April 26, and will be working with Donna Bastrzycki (Recreation Director) to organize this very successful event, which was initiated in 2014.
- Brad Martin agreed to be a liaison in an attempt to do a car show, possibly at the Riverton Fairgrounds.

- Don agreed to reach out to Karl Gallmeyer about re-starting music events and the use of the Fairgrounds for the Haunted House was also discussed. The EDC also was looking for ideas for the use of the new outdoor classroom/pavilion at the Barkhamsted School.
- Mark Mahoney asked for a better definition of the role/charter of the EDC to bring to the Lions Club to solicit members, since that club has seen an infusion of new, active members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion by Bob Geiger and seconded by Tim Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein
Acting Secretary

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

January 15	July 16
February 19	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

The Economic Development Commission meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Barkhamsted Town Hall.