

**Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Brad Martin, Chair at 7:35 PM

Attending members: Brad Martin, Ginny Apple, Ross Herzog, Bob Geiger, Jim Becketl, and Mark Mahoney. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman

Review of minutes: A motion was made by Ross Herzog and seconded by Ginny Apple to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Sewer line on Route 44 – sources of funding were sought to no avail. Bill Baxter (regional EDC) discussed with Don Stein the possibility of a New Hartford extension to Barkhamsted.

Fairground walking trail – still pursuing options with Matt Cook and others on the Riverton Fair Board..

Library – a pursuit of the adjoining General Store property continues via a possible lease or more acceptable purchase price; continued discussion of operational and acceptability to taxpayers. A June 24th Town meeting is deemed to be the time to present a plan. A grant application and per capita tax cost need to be developed as well as acquisition alternatives.

Brochures/Events – Ginny Apple reviewed the potential town map and business promotion materials relative to our marketing efforts. She also presented the possibility of grant money for a fideo and “QR code” usage for highlights of the town.

Ginny also thanked all for the support of a very successful “Earth Day” celebration and discussed similar future offerings; e.g. a River clean-up project.

Incentive Housing grant/study – Don Stein discussed that mixed use possibilities for Rte. 44 were being considered.

Business Gathering – temporarily shelved

Rails to Trails – Don Stein is awaiting outside input

Other – Mark Mahoney announced plans for a June 7 Lions’ Club tag sale which the EDC will help promote via the Town Website and Facebook page.

Motion to adjourn by Ginny Apple, seconded by Mark Mahoney at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Geiger
Temporary Secretary