

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Bob Geiger, Acting Chair at 7:40 PM**

Attending members: Bob Geiger, Ross Herzog, Mark Mahoney, Kevin Noblet (by phone). Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman

**Review of minutes:** A motion was made by Kevin Noblet and seconded by Mark Mahoney to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved, except for an abstention by Mark Mahoney.

**Discussion:**

Don Stein provided the commission members with information regarding the CT Main Street Center, which the Town had been a member of in the past, and the Northwest Planning Collaborative, made up of 9 towns in the northwest corner, including Goshen and Norfolk. These organizations help their members focus on development of “village centers” and provide economic development assistance to their member communities.

After a discussion of these types of organizations and various projects that the EDC could undertake, the members present felt that the next meeting should be dedicated to focusing on Riverton and East River Road. This would be primarily an attempt to develop a “vision” and promotional materials, such as a brochure for the area.

In addition, the members endorsed trying to develop a more regional approach to include New Hartford, Colebrook, Hartland and Winsted. Don Stein took the action to reach out to the other communities.

There was also discussion of this year’s STEAP grant application and the priority order was:

1. A bridge that allowed pedestrian access across the Farmington River from Peoples’ Forest to American Legion Forest
2. Undertaking the rehabilitation of the Hitchcock property in Riverton
3. Sewers from Winsted to the Town line along Route 44

Applications are due November 28, so Don Stein will reach out to the stakeholders on these ideas to determine if they are feasible and meet the STEAP grant criteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein

Acting Secretary