

**Economic Development Commission**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2012-7:00 p.m.**  
**Canterbury Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Drive**

**MINUTES\***

**I. Call to order**

J. Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members present: J. Tucker, C. Wellinghausen, S. Donahue, R. Curtis, J. Fritzsche, A. Mierzejewski, R. Tuttle, N. Hulten

Members absent: E. Swanson, D. Pindell

**III. Minutes- February 28, 2012**

There were several typos in the minutes. The fall festival was on October 27th, not the 21<sup>st</sup> as written. The Business Meet and Greet was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. C. Wellinghausen made a motion to approve the minutes. R. Tuttle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

J. Tucker stated that J. Fritzsche was able to organize the meet and greet for \$1,241.45. She went over the current financial statement with the Commission. She requested that the statement be part of the minutes.

**V. Public Participation**

D. Pindell of the Agriculture Commission stated that they would be holding the "Meet your Farming Neighbor" night on May 4<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the EDC would be interested in funding advertising costs. A. Mierzejewski stated that the Ag Commission did not have a budget. J. Tucker stated that \$150.00 was already set aside for the Ag Commission's use. D. Pindell thanked the Commission.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Website and Social media- Alisa Mierzejewski-** A. Mierzejewski discussed installing a news aggregator on the EDC website to stream articles from Connecticut and Northeast businesses and agriculture. She stated she was in the process of putting together an instruction sheet on the website. R. Curtis stated that they could hold a meeting at his office and use his computers.

S. Donahue stated that he was changing the Canterbury Twitter name to canterburync. Several members stated that it appeared to look like Canterbury, North Carolina. He stated he could use canterburyct.

**B. Budget Request-** J. Tucker stated that she spoke with B. Sear who reported that the EDC budget request went smoothly.

**C. Greenways-** R. Curtis stated that there was nothing to report on the Greenway but that he would plan a walk in the near future.

D. **Tourism-** J. Fritzsche stated that she usually sponsors a fall foliage paddle during October. She asked if the EDC would be interested in sponsoring one this year. She stated that she would put the date in for the first Sunday in October. D. Pindell stated a Walktober was scheduled for October 20, 2012 at the Tyler Farm. J. Tucker stated that the Commission would be holding the fall festival on October 27, 2012. The Commission proposed that they would sponsor a paddle event on October 6, 2012. R. Curtis made this in the form of a motion. R. Tuttle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. **Incubator**

S. Donahue stated his survey was almost completed. The information would assist Canterbury in determining what type of incubator would work best. C. Wellinghausen stated industrial incubators were very successful in other towns. He stated he understood there was no industrial zone in Canterbury but an area was needed where the town could help out industry. He stated it would be better at the center of town because then those businesses will be more apt to frequent the local business during their lunch hours or after work. The members discussed the Waskiewicz land on Route 169. R. Curtis discussed if the town would build an incubator site on town property. J. Fritzsche discussed the need for home based businesses to have a co-op they could utilize to materials and machinery they made need. J. Tucker stated that E. Swanson was looking into a co-op commercial kitchen.

F. **Business Meet and Greet**

The meet and greet was very successful. J. Fritzsche stated that the slogan "Canterbury, Nice Country" was well received. She stated the cost of the meet and greet was \$1241.45. C. Dubois stated that Commission was welcome to use Wrights Mill again in the future. R. Curtis stated that he was disappointed that some of the business owners in town did not attend. He stated that when the Commission have held meet and greets in the past at smaller venues, the atmosphere seemed more comfortable. The Commission discussed what changes could be made for future meet and greets.

J. Fritzsche stated that Baldwin Brook Farm would like their farm to become a wedding venue.

The Commission stated they were interested in inviting T. Morano back to a meeting. The Commission set a regional EDC for September 20, 2012.

G. **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade**

J. Fritzsche stated that the EDC was asked to hold an event after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The members discussed that many residents have family obligations. The Commission discussed what organization in town may be interested in holding a post parade event. The members would look into this and stated they would offer support but because they were leading so many events, they would not head this event.

VII. **New Business**

A. **Nick Hulten-** J. Tucker introduced the newest member N. Hulten.

B. **Canterbury Ag Commission-** This item was previously discussed. R. Curtis asked D. Pindell if the AG Commission requested a budget in the 2012-2013 budgets. D. Pindell stated they did not. R. Curtis made a motion that the EDC allot an additional \$150.00 to

the Ag Commission. J. Fritzsche seconded the motion and it passed. R. Tuttle abstained for he was a member of the Ag Commission.

VIII. **Correspondence-** None

IX. **Any other appropriate business** – The Finnish Society received a grant to place a kiosk in the town hall that would show a presentation on several of the town Commission. D. Pindell stated she spoke with B. Sear about this. J. Tucker stated that she did not have time to work on this project at the moment and asked for a volunteer to work on this. A. Mierzejewski and R. Curtis stated they would talk to B. Sear about this.

The EDC meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at Loss Solutions Group at 180 Westminster Road, unit 2. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

J. Fritzsche stated that she would like to start planning the Scarecrow Hunt shortly.

R. Curtis reminded the Commission that both he and R. Tuttle are members on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

X. **Adjournment**

R. Tuttle made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. R. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa E. Gil  
Land Use Secretary  
\*as recorded

Cc: EDC members; Town Clerk; EDC file