

**Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, April 24, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Loss Solutions Group – 180 Westminster Road**

MINUTES*

I. Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: J. Tucker, S. Donahue, C. Wellinghausen, A. Mierzejewski, R. Curtis, J. Fritzsche, N. Hulten
Absent: E. Swanson, R. Tuttle
Others present: D. Pindell

III. Minutes- March 27, 2012- D. Pindell should be listed on the minutes with others present.

IV. Treasurer's Report- J. Tucker reported that the Saving Institute said no to the funds request but would buy a table at the fall festival. She informed them that the EDC does not charge for tables but asked how much the bank was willing to donate. Peggy from the Saving Institute stated she would send the request back.

J. Tucker wanted to mail out a town wide sponsorship drive for the fall festival and stated she would put together a list.

V. Public Participation – D. Pindell from the Agricultural Commission brought in the ad for the Meet Your Farming Neighbor 9(attached). She asked for participation. A. Mierzejewski and several others offered. D. Pindell thanked the EDC for their assistance. Free Tuesday Talks were discussed. J. Tucker stated she would like to participate as an accountant.

VI. Old Business – as needed

A. Website and Social Media – This was to be a New Business item.

B. Budget Request- None

C. Greenways- R. Curtis reported that the town and the Land Use office have submitted 183,000-200,000 grant request for greenway funding.

D. Tourism- J. Fritzsche set the date for her sponsored paddle for June 24, 2012. N. Hulten made a motion to hold a river cleanup on August 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. R. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. Incubator- S. Donahue will have his paper on incubators ready at the May meeting.

F. Communication and Business Referrals- J. Tucker presented an essay about Goodwill and how it is integral not only to business, but governments,

non-profits and Canterbury. She stressed congruence in vision planning and the future.

- G. **Business Meet & Greet-** The next meet and greet will be a regional EDC meeting on September 20, 2012 which was noted on at the last meeting pending the availability of T. Morano and Wright Mill.
- H. **July 4th Parade-** Jennifer Broome from Quinebaug Kennels has volunteered to conduct the “after party” of the 4th of July parade. Questions arose whether the parade is advertised in the Turnpike buyer or other media outlets. The members did not know. They would ask.

VII. New Business

- A. **Workshop –** Wordpress and Canterburybiz.com- The Commission discussed how to use the website and Wordpress.

R. Curtis made a motion to add POCD Discussion to the agenda. S. Donahue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- B. **POCD discussion-** tabled for the next meeting. The members were to study and bring back suggestions for vision building.

VIII. Correspondence-None

IX. Any other appropriate business- None

X. Adjournment- N.Hulten made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. J. Tucker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa E. Gil

Land Use Secretary

*minutes taken from notes taken by the members

Cc: EDC Members; Town Clerk; EDC File