

**Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, May 22, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive**

MINUTES*

I. Call to Order- J. Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

Members absent: E. Swanson, N. Hulten

III. Minutes- April 24, 2012- R. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes with T. Marano's name spelt correctly. J. Tucker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

R. Curtis made a motion to place a. Amending bylaw language to include an attendance policy on the agenda under New Business. R. Tuttle seconded the motion.

IV. Treasurer's Report

J. Tucker stated the Awards and Printing invoice of 225.00 was paid twice. She stated she would check this with S. Mason Gale. D. Pindell of the Ag Commission told J. Tucker that the librarian submitted the invoice for the Meet Your Neighbors advertisement. When the invoice came through, it would be taken from the EDC line item.

V. Public Participation – None

VI. Old Business – as needed

A. Website and Social Media – Shane Donahue, FB page*

S. Donahue stated he was going to create an album on the Facebook page titled "Exploring Canterbury" with pictures from town, inviting those who "like" the page to guess where the images were taken.

J. Tucker asked if any of the members had a chance to look at the Canterbury Gazette online publication created by zoomvillage.com. K. Rego of Canterbury is heading the publication. A. Mierzejewski explained the Canterbury Gazette to the members. She stated that Commission could put this on the EDC website, www.canterburybiz.com under "resources". The members had no objection to this.

B. Budget Request- No additional information

C. Greenways- No additional information

D. Tourism- R. Curtis stated that the State of Connecticut made a tourism video that unfortunately failed to show eastern Connecticut. R. Curtis showed the members the video.

J. Fritzsche stated that several nearby towns were having scheduled releases of water so that tubers could utilize this to ride the river.

J. Tucker showed the members the "Vision 2020, The Next Ten Years" publication from The Last Green Valley.

E. Incubator- S. Donahue stated he finished his paper on incubators.

F. Communication and Business Referrals

- member representation at board meetings*

- Friends of the Library annual meeting, Jet report

J. Tucker stated there were many Commissions and Boards in town that needed members. She suggested that the members make an effort to attend other Commission meetings. R. Curtis stated that he and R. Tuttle could report to the EDC on the latest developments with the Planning and Zoning Commission but explained that he could not advocate a certain position while sitting on the Commission, because he would be voting on the matter. R. Curtis stated that it was much easier to stand as an audience member than to sit as an elected member of the Commission. J. Tucker stated that they weren't able to speak about applications that were in public hearing at the EDC meeting.

R. Curtis stated that Land Use employees, S. Sadlowski and M. Gil, would keep the Commission informed on developments.

G. Business Meet & Greet – Annual Fall Festival*- The Commission picked October 27, 2012 for the Annual Fall Festival.

September 20, 2012 would be the Business Meet & Greet.

J. Tucker would be sending out letters requesting donations for the Fall Festival Fund. R. Curtis suggested changing the format of the letter. He offered to assist with this.

J. Fritzsche suggested having a costume parade at the fall festival. The pie contest at the festival was successful. The members felt the scarecrow scavenger hunt was also a hit. A. Mierzejewski suggested giving people additional time with the project.

The Commission budgeted approximately \$1,000 for the festival.

H. July 4th Parade

J. Tucker reported that Francis Vaclavik would be this year's grand marshal at the 4th of July parade.

VII. New Business

A. Plan of Conservation and Development

The Commission discussed the Plan of Conservation and Development. R. Curtis stated he attended the Planning and Zoning meetings when the Commission was in the process of updating the POCD. The document has to be updated at least every 10 years. The plan was updated in 2010. A.

Mierzejewski stated that S. Sadlowski informed her they would be updating the regulations, and EDC input was welcomed and would be helpful in the revisions.

The Commission discussed the Route 169 corridor. They discussed the regulations. R. Curtis explained that a group of people in one area could apply for a zone change for that area. He stated he would discuss this at the next Planning & Zoning Commission with the members.

B. Route 169 Corridor and NECOG

J. Fritzsche and J. Baldwin were picked to be the Canterbury representatives that lived on Route 169 that would discuss the corridor at NECCOG.

C. Attendance Policy

R. Curtis offered to work on some language to put in the bylaws regarding attendance at meetings. J. Tucker suggested looking into alternate members.

The Commission discussed the commercial kitchen. A. Mierzejewski stated that she was having difficulty with all the State of CT rules and regulations regarding pickled garlic. She stated that she would get the contact information from the farm bureau, which just held a seminar about using a community kitchen for agricultural purposes. She would also contact D. Pindell.

III. Correspondence- None

IX. Any other appropriate business- R. Curtis asked for an update on Gagnon signs. He stated that they are aware of the situation. J. Tucker stated she would go visit them and get some answers.

R. Curtis stated he finished the kiosk presentation. J. Tucker stated that it has gone to B. Sear who will get it to the Finnish Society.

X. Adjournment

R. Tuttle made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. J. Fritzsche seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa E. Gil
Land Use Secretary
*as recorded

Cc: Town Clerk, EDC members, EDC file