

**Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, September 25, 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 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: J. Tucker, C. Wellinghausen, A. Mierzejewski, J. Fritzsche, R. Tuttle
Members absent: E. Swanson, S. Donahue, N. Hulten, R. Curtis
Others present: Jasmine Fhilee

III. Minutes:

September 4th, 2012

June 26th, 2012

R. Tuttle made a motion and C. Wellinghausen seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the dates listed above.

IV. Treasurer's Report

J. Tucker stated that the 2012-13 Budget passed.

V. Public Participation

J. Fritzsche made a motion to set special meetings for Monday, October 29th and November 26th so that S. Donahue could attend the monthly meetings. C. Wellinghausen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. J. Tucker explained that as these would be special meetings, the agendas could not be amended.

VI. Old Business

A. Website and Social Media

A. Mierzejewski stated that the header image on the website has been upgraded. J. Fritzsche asked if the EDC could create "Like Us on Facebook" stickers to give out at local businesses to promote the EDC page. The license renewal for the website is coming up soon. J. Fritzsche made a motion to approve the expenditure for the website renewal fee. R. Tuttle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Greenways- No news

C. Tourism

J. Fritzsche stated that Last Green Valley fall foliage paddle sponsored by the EDC would be held on October 6. She stated there was talk about getting a school bus to and from the boat launch. She stated she would create a predicted expenditure for that. The Commission discussed this. R. Tuttle made a motion to spend up to \$300 on a shuttle bus for the paddle. J. Tucker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Incubator- No News

E. Communication and Business referrals-

J. Tucker stated that she received two new sign requests. J. Tucker stated that she was discussing the town business sign locations with S. Sadlowski. She stated they discussed getting a new post to put additional signs on. J. Fritzsche stated that a "farm to table" business is interested in starting up in the future along the scenic byway.

F. "Business Meet & Greet"- Annual Fall Festival

J. Tucker stated that she did not hear back from T. Marano so she has not schedule a regional meet and greet. R. Tuttle stated that he did not agree with T. Marano's ideas and tactics. J. Tucker stated that it would be a good idea to plan another "Business Meet & Greet". The members felt a Thursday night would be best for businesses. They also discussed holding in early December to create it a holiday party. The members estimated 75-100 would attend.

G. Attendance Policy

J. Tucker asked if any of the members had heard from N. Hulten. They had not. J. Tucker stated she would call him.

H. Gagnon Signs

J. Tucker stated that after meeting with D. Gagnon the sign fee will increase from \$75 to \$100. The replacement cost will increase from \$50 to \$75. The members expressed concern that the center intersection in town was getting filled with signs. A. Mierzejewski stated that this was an historic district and the Commission should be cautious with the amount of signs that are allowed in that area.

I. Sponsor Letter

J. Tucker and A. Mierzejewski discussed having an application on the website, where one could download and print a donation form and mail it in for the fall festival. The fall festival will be held on October 27th, 2012 at the Town Hall.

J. Banner

J. Tucker stated that she would like to purchase a banner for the Canterbury EDC. A. Mierzejewski stated she would get a quote on a banner and email the members.

K. POCD, Route 169 Corridor, PZ update submissions

A. Mierzejewski gave the members a copy of the 2006 proposal that the Land Use Office emailed her. She stated that the requirements included regulating house colors and felt the Commission should not focus on that. R. Tuttle stated that any regulations along historic areas regulated house colors and required them to have muted colors. She suggested that the members read through the regulations.

J. Fritzsche stated the town of Brooklyn regulated that Route 169 was to be residential/agricultural use only. J. Tucker stated that the entire town of Canterbury was residential/agricultural but Special Exceptions were allowed in any area, if approved. A. Mierzejewski asked what the difference between a district and a zone was. J. Tucker stated that a district is not mandated, but a zone is. The members discussed "Cottage Industry". J. Tucker stated that Special Exceptions were a risk to Route 169.

J. Tucker stated that the original regulations in 1974 were voted in by the residents of town but that amendments since that time are voted on by the PZ members. R. Tuttle stated that the Commission should look into the town ordinances to see if this was a violation. J. Tucker explained that regulation amendments must go through the public hearing process.

The members discussed the importance of preserving the historic district. J. Fritzsche stated the Commission should suggest removing Special Exceptions from Route 169 and adding "permitted uses" into the regulations instead for this area. A. Mierzejewski suggested that the members contact the Historical Society. She stated she would email them.

The members discussed the current regulations in regards to existing businesses. They discussed the revoked LaFramboise permit on Wauregan Road.

A. Mierzejewski and J. Fritzsche stated that they did not feel the color of homes along Route 169 should be regulated. The members agreed. J. Fritzsche stated that she liked the pitched roof requirement.

J. Fritzsche stated that she would contact the Last Green Valley to see if a representative would attend the next PZ meeting on October 11, 2012, to show their support for regulating the scenic byway.

J. Tucker stated that the Commission could email their thoughts and suggestions on the regulations to M. Gil and she would compile them all. She stated that R. Curtis agreed to review the notes. J. Fritzsche stated she would be work on the Scenic Byway regulations and A. Mierzejewski would work on the Village Commercial regulations.

A reporter in attendance asked for the members names.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Correspondence-Reviewed

J.Tucker stated that the Town of Canterbury was requesting road signs for Canterbury Elementary School off Kitt Road.

R. Tuttle asked if the Commission has access to the Town Attorney. The members stated that if there were questions or concerns with the wording of a proposed regulation, they could contact the attorney through the Planning & Zoning Commission.

IX. Any other appropriate business- None

X. Adjournment

R. Tuttle made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa E. Gil
Land Use Secretary
*as recorded

Cc: Town Clerk; EDC members; EDC file