

**Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive**

MINUTES*

I. Call to Order

J. Tucker called the meeting to order at

II. Roll Call

Members present: J. Tucker, S. Donahue, J. Fritzsche, K. Zapadka, R. Tuttle, A. Mierzejewski

Members absent: E. Swanson

III. Minutes- January 28, 2014 - Tabled

IV. Treasurer's Report- No change

V. Public Participation – None

VI. Old Business – as needed

A. Website and Social Media – S. Donahue stated that page “likes” have gone up by a several. He stated the “likes” on the status has increased. J. Tucker suggested posting the survey results on the page.

B. Greenways – No updates

C. Tourism – Paddle Pedal Picnic moved to June 8

The Paddle, Pedal and Picnic will begin at 12 at the Canterbury Municipal building. J. Tucker stated that E. Swanson wanted to start the bike ride early. J. Fritzsche stated that the last tourism meeting was canceled due to the weather.

D. Incubator- No updates

E. Communication and Business Referrals – Biz Profiles

J. Tucker stated that the EDC has already received eight requests from business to profile them. She stated that L. Lapointe has done a great job marketing D&G on Facebook.

F. Networking and Events – Biz Social, Workshops

J. Tucker stated that she did not think the EDC was a member of the NE CT Chamber of Commerce due to a conflict of interest with who they chose as Businessman of the Year. The former Selectman had made this decision. She stated that the membership fee was never paid.

A. Mierzejewski stated there will be a forum on Economic Health in Connecticut on March 6th. She stated there was a legislative breakfast on March 21st at QVCC at 7:30 am.

S. Donahue asked if the commission wanted to hold a workshop. They stated they would like to choose an evening. He would check with the library for availability. J. Fritzsche stated she would like to hold use Tom Morano

as a consultant and discussed this with the Planning & Zoning Chairman. She stated that he was open to this setting up a joint meeting with him. J. Fritzsche stated she would find out T. Marano's pricing and availability.

G. Plan of Conservation & Development – No updates

H. Route 169 Corridor

I. P&Z submission and report

There was a meeting on March 13th for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The text amendment for the Bed & Breakfast would be discussed at this meeting.

K. Zapadka stated that she has not heard from Click Willimantic and she had made several attempts to contact them. She did find some information about several shared kitchens throughout the US.

J. 2013-2014 Budget request- Nothing to report

The members all spoke highly of Steven Sadlowski. A. Mierzejewski and J. Fritzsche stated he was very helpful and knowledgeable. R. Tuttle stated he was very competent.

VII. New Business

A. EDC Regional affiliation- E. Swanson was absent

B. EDC To Do List- S. Donahue stated he contacted the Last Green Valley to see who did their bags. He was told that there were many complaints about the bags they gave out so to keep searching for a vendor. J. Tucker received some prices from Vistaprint for tee shirts. A. Mierzejewski stated that there were local companies that make tee shirts.

C. Hamden EDC Speaker Series

S. Donahue stated that Hamden was holding a series of speaker workshops run by businesses in town. S. Donahue has requested the materials from the workshops they have held.

VIII. Correspondence - None

IX. Any other appropriate business- None

X. Adjournment

J. Fritzsche adjourned at 8:36 p.m. R. Tuttle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa E. Gil
Land Use Admin. Asst
*as recorded

Cc: Town Clerk; EDC files