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Economic Development Commission January 4, 2016 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Member Jan Finch called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Elisabeth Caplan, Jan Finch and Chris Kranick

Also present: Town Manager Michael Paulhus
Guest: Scott Small

Absent: Diana Pelliccio and Joan Tutor

2. Minutes: December 7, 2015

Member Kranick moved to accept the minutes of December 7, 2015, seconded by Member Caplan with the following correction; page 2, second paragraph, accusation should be acquisition.

3. Old Business

a. Updated CenterPlan

Town Manager Michael Paulhus reported that CenterPlan would be an agenda item on the January 5, 2016 Town Council meeting.

Members discussed the importance of being included in any future discussion with the Council with regard to this project and future economic development.

Chairman Finch asked for an overview of some of the meetings with CenterPlan.

Town Manager Michael Paulhus gave an overview of the process that took place with regard to meetings and negotiations with CenterPlan.

Member Kranick suggested three points be focused on:

- An EDC member be closely involved in process and part of a team
- Keeping the public informed to avoid any confusion
- The importance of the team having a specific plan and to move it forward

There was discussion on the best way to move forward to inform the Town Council on how the Economic Development Commission feels.

Members decided they would make a statement on behalf of the EDC during the Town Council Meeting during Citizens Statements.

b. Reports

- Discussion with Economic Developers from North Haven, Branford and Guilford

Will be discussed at next months meeting.

- Essex Events Magazine

Member Kranick opened discussed on the magazine explaining the process of publishing the magazine. The Town would have a commitment of approximately \$2,700. This fee would cover the first three editions.

Members discussed the quality of the magazine and the potential positive impact for the Town.

This will be discussed next month to determine a committee and the best way to bring it to the Town Council for approval.

- Request for zoning map from Planning and Zoning

Will be discussed at February meeting

- Finalize presentation by REX on Feb. 1

There was discussion on the REX presentation set for 6:00 pm at the Economic Development Commission's February 1st meeting. The Town Planner and Town Council members will be invited to the meeting.

Town Manager Michael Paulhus offered to inform Town Council members as well as the Town Planner, he would also reserve the Town Council Chambers.

- Visitation Program – Prioritize

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Discuss recommended organizations to join

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. New Discussion:

- a. Bring ideas and questions to assist in broadcast

Member Caplan made some suggestions for questions and will discuss more with Member Pelliccio. Ms. Caplan informed members that Frank Mentone requested questions previous to the broadcast.

Members scheduled a special meeting to be held on Monday January 11th at 6:00 pm.

- b. Update on data dump from Assessor David Ambrose

Will be discussed at the February meeting.

5. Other Business:

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2016.

6. Adjournment:

Member Caplan made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Member Kranick. With all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Caruso
Recording Secretary