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Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting
March 21, 2016
Town Manager's Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Present: Jan Finch, Joan Tutor, Chris Kranick, Diane Pelliccio and Liz Caplan via phone.

Guest: Town Manager Michael Paulhus,

2. Approval of minutes March 7, 2016

Member Kranick moved to accept the minutes of March 7, 2016, seconded by Member Tutor, with all in favor motion passed.

3. Town Managers Report

a. Budget

Town Manager Michael Paulhus updated members on the Budget, stating they approved the prorated membership to REX. Mr. Paulhus gave an overview on left over monies at the end of the fiscal year and stated there is \$10,000 requested for the new budget.

b. Update on Grant Status

Town Manager Michael Paulhus stated he has not received any updated information on the grant but will follow up.

4. Old Business

a. Businesses Visitation Program- schedule and visits

Town Manager, Michael Paulhus presented a sample packet to members and requested feedback.

Member Tutor suggested information be added from SCORE and the CERC Town Profile.

Members overviewed all items individually and complemented the packet.

Member Caplan suggested including the names of the Town's State Representative and Senator.

After taking the recommendations of the Commission, Town Manager Michael Paulhus stated he would complete the packets and have them ready for the visitations.

Members discussed adding a few more phone numbers, such as Tax Assessor and Economic Development.

Members discussed beginning the visitation program before the next meeting and decided on partners.

Member Caplan suggested visiting some of the businesses near the Guilford line as a start.

Member's Kranick and Caplan will connect and begin visiting businesses as soon as the packets are ready.

Town Manager Paulhus spoke about regional economic development and some upcoming possibilities with CERC. He said he would continue to look for potential programs. After discussion, the Commission asked Mr. Paulhus to reach out to the CERC liaison Courtney Henderson. There was additional discussion comparing REX and CERC. Members suggested Ms. Henderson be invited to an upcoming meeting.

b. Economic Summit 3/28

Members discussed the upcoming summit. With Member Caplan as well as Town Manager Michael Paulhus, Town Planner Carey Duques and Town Council Member Daniel Armin attending.

c. Properties for possible development- update

Chairman Finch opened discussion on possible development in Town,

Member Kranick stated they would work on finding the best possible properties.

Michael Paulhus gave an overview on the Town owned property on Route 17. He informed members it is being used by Public Works. He stated it is a good piece of property and zoned industrial. He will follow up with both Public Works Director Fran Merola and Town Engineer Kurt Weiss to get a history and need for the property.

After a request to discuss 1599 Foxon Road, Town Manager Michael Paulhus updated members on the grant and what will happen moving forward if the grant is approved and also if it is not.

There was discussion on possibly canvassing the Town Council to establish a direction for Economic Development. It was suggested they come up with a strategy to find the niche for the Town. Ideas for developing a more open relationship with Town Council were discussed.

Chairman Finch talked about viewing the potential properties in Town that were discussed at the last meeting.

Member Caplan suggested inviting Jeff Dow, to an upcoming meeting as well as the Geenty Group.

Members requested the Town Manager invite Mr. Dow to the April 18th meeting.

5. New Business

a. Next REX meeting

Chairman Finch reported that she has not gotten an upcoming meeting date but will reach out to REX again.

b. Other possible meetings

Member Caplan suggested possibly moving to two meetings per month while beginning the Business Visitation Program.

Members listed the following upcoming meetings:

- April 4
- April 18 – Special meeting
- May 2
- May 16– Special meeting
- June 6

c. Report on Shoreline Chamber meeting

Chairman Finch updated members on the recent meeting with the Shoreline Chamber and JoAnn Wentworth. She shared information that was distributed during the meeting and overviewed the presentation material.

Joan Tutor agreed to reach out to past Board Members who would meet with Ed Lazarus of the Shoreline Chamber.

The EDC will notify the Town Council that it supports inviting the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce to solicit business members in North Branford.

Chairman Finch submitted a draft of support for the shoreline Chamber.

The next meeting will be held on April 4th at 6:00 pm.

6. Adjournment

Member Tutor made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Member Pelliccio. With all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Caruso
Recording Secretary

