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Special Meeting
Economic Development Commission
February 27, 2017
Town Manager's Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

In attendance were Chairman Finch, Scott Small and Liz Caplan

Town Employees: Town Manager Michael Paulhus

2. Economic Development Coordinator

Discussed under item 4. Operating Budget Discussion

3. Approval of Minutes
a. February 6, 2017

MOTION: Member Small moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017, seconded by Member Caplan with one correction in the heading which should read Meeting not Agenda. With all in favor, motion passed.

4. Operating Budget Discussion

Town Manager Michael Paulhus distributed information on the Governor's proposed budget as it pertained to North Branford. Mr. Paulhus overviewed the lost revenues that will be realized by the Town. There was discussion on the details of the budget and the impact on North Branford.

Mr. Paulhus overviewed the procedure for requesting a new position from the Town Council amid the current financial crisis.

Members acknowledged this is a tough climate, however all agreed to continue to focus on the importance of a position of an Economic Development Coordinator for the future.

Member Caplan gave an overview on some of her research into similar Towns and their Economic Development background.

Members discussed the hope of keeping their current budget and overviewed the projects that were successful this past year. It was suggested they maintain their current memberships as well as continuing with the business visitation program.

Member Caplan suggested they utilized REX a bit more in the upcoming year.

Town Manager Michael Paulhus suggested March 21st as the best date to communicate with the Council on any EDC budget requests.

Members discussed last year's budget of \$11,290.00 and requesting the same budget.

Town Manager Michael Paulhus stated he would research and report back as to how much of the budget was spent.

Mr. Paulhus updated the Commission on a Killingworth resident interested in using her expertise to help the Town with Economic Development. Mr. Paulhus stated they are looking at a project that would be beneficial for her to concentrate on.

Chairman Finch suggested members collect articles on Town businesses that they could forward to local newspapers for exposure.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Caplan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Member Small with all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Caruso
Substitute Recording Secretary

