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Agenda
Economic Development Commission
June 5, 2017
Town Manager's Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chair Joan Tudor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Joan Tudor, Elisabeth Caplan, Chris Kranick and Scott Small.

Nonmembers present were Town Manager Michael Paulhus, Town Council Member Daniel Armin, Town Planner Carey Duques.

2. Approval of Minutes May 1, 2017

MOTION: Member Caplan moved to table the minutes of May 1, 2017, seconded by Member Tudor. With all in favor, motion passed.

3. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Michael Paulhus reported on the following:

a. EDC Coordinator applicants

The position was advertised and closed with approximately five applicants. Mr. Paulhus gave a brief overview of some of the applicants as well as where the position was advertised. There was discussion on the protocol of the hiring process and whether a member of the EDC should be involved in the process.

Members discussed Chairman Finch being part of the interview process, if she does not commit, Member Caplan will sit on the committee.

b. Update on 1599 Foxon Road

Town Manager Michael Paulhus reported that the Council has asked Park and Recreation and Public Works for an overview of cost for maintenance of a park at that location.

Member Small submitted information from the Land Trust president regarding the benefits of open space.

There was discussion on the two Charrette's, submitting an RFP for the property, information from Park and Rec and Public Works as well as an extensive conversation on the value of 1599 as prime commercial real estate.

Members discussed going before the Town Council to request they simultaneously send out an RFP to gather information from potential developers.

4. Report from Councilor Daniel Armin, liaison to Town Council

Town Councilor Daniel Armin reported on the process decisions around 1599 Foxon.

5. Old Business

a. Report on POCO - Liz

Member Caplan updated members on the new plans for the business after hours scheduled for Thursday, August 3rd. The event will be a "Taste of North Branford." She requested help from anyone on the Commission.

b. Agricultural Commission Brochure

Town Planner Carey Duques introduced Mr. Cecarelli and Ms. Cav who worked on the Agriculture Brochure. Ms. Duques updated members as well as gave an overview on some of the 23 businesses in the brochure. She also advised members on some of the businesses that did not qualify for the brochure due to criteria. There will initially be 2,000 brochures printed and distributed throughout the area.

There was discussion on the potential for the Agriculture Commission to reactivate. Town Councilor Daniel Armin will report to the Town Council on the potential for reenergizing the Agriculture Commission.

6. New Business

a. Potential RFP for 1675 Foxon Road (Old Town Hall)

Town Manager Michael Paulhus reported there is presently nothing occurring with the property at this time.

b. REX Report

Will be reported next meeting by Jan Finch.

Members discussed the potential of REX redoing the Town website.

c. Update on Business Opportunities

Was not discussed at this time.

d. Dennis Pannone - Town Website

Acting Chairman Joan Tudor will request Mr. Pannone be invited to next month's meeting through Town Manager Michael Paulhus.

7. Commission Reports

a. Real Estate – Joan

Member Tudor reported that after consulting with other realtors, the commercial market in North Branford is positive based on present listing in Town.

c. Visitation Program – Liz

Member Caplan will continue with the visitations over the summer. Member Small will assist her with visitations.

Member Kranick stated he has gotten positive feedback from two visitations.

Member Tudor overviewed some feedback from the business survey.

d. Website – Scott

Member Small reviewed some of the positive aspects of the website as well as areas to be improved.

e. Shoreline chamber – Chris

Member Kranick reported there are presently 30 members from North Branford, they continue to work well with Town businesses.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Caplan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Member Tudor with all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Caruso
Substitute Recording Secretary