

**Town of East Windsor
Economic Development Commission**

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***Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2015***

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett, Josh Kapelner, Jim Richards, Andy Hoffman and Bill Kehoe

Also in Attendance: Dale Nelson, Board of Selectmen

Chairman Eric Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

MOTION: To have Bill Kehoe serve as a regular member.
Richards / Kapelner / Unanimous

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 16, 2015.
Richards / Hoffman / Richards

In Favor: Richards; Hoffman; Moffett

Abstain: Kapelner; Kehoe

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Richards noted that there is going to be a long term planning committee. Someone from the EDC will need to serve on this committee. He said it would be good to have Andy Hoffman serve on it. Mr. Hoffman said he would be happy to do it. All members were in agreement to have Mr. Hoffman serve on the committee

Tax Incentive Program Guidelines

Mr. Richards noted that the Board of Selectmen discussed this at a meeting on April 21, 2015. He referred to minutes from that meeting in which Jason Bowsza suggested amending the time frame. The minutes stated "Selectman Bowsza suggested that we move forward with the 'up to 2 years, at 50%' option as a potential ordinance...." Mr. Richards said it was a State Statute that we are building this on and felt they shouldn't mess with the time period. Mr. Hoffman said we are in competition with every town around us and we should try to understand what other towns are doing.

Mr. Hoffman said the airport is in bad shape. The town didn't want to own it. He said they have an organization that has an idea of growing hydroponic vegetables there. This sounds like the right move. Chairman Moffett said we (the EDC) are all in favor of it.

Signs at Newberry and Thompson Roads

Reference was made to a letter sent by Laurie Whitten on April 7, 2015 to the State Department of Transportation regarding signs not permitted within oversized State right-of-ways. Mr. Richards suggested if she doesn't get a reply by the June EDC meeting that she send a second letter. Mr. Kapelner felt that Ms. Whitten's letter should be acknowledged and recommended that a follow-up letter be sent if she doesn't get a response by May 7th. After some discussion it was determined that this matter be discussed at the next EDC meeting on May 18th to decide what to do by June.

Transit Oriented Development Zone

Mr. Richards questioned whether they want to promote a transit oriented development zone. He said Laurie Whitten has suggested the Warehouse Point area since the train station in Windsor Locks will be attached to the transit oriented zone. Mr. Richards talked about the Bradley Airport development zone. There are some tax incentives for businesses. He said we are close to the line. He asked to have copies of the State Statute regarding the Bradley Airport zone for the next meeting

Discussion of Economic Development Issues

Mr. Richards said that some businesses in town have recently closed and there are a lot of properties up for rent and quite a bit of land for sale. He noted that Laurie Whitten has been getting information on traffic on Route 5 for the Plan of Conservation and Development.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Kapelner / Richards / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer
Recording Secretary