

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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***Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 23, 2012***

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett, Josh Kapelner, James Richards and Ryan Nilsson.

Also in Attendance: Laurie Whitten, Town Planner

Chairman Eric Moffett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Planning & Zoning Office, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

The EDC members wanted to publicly thank the Planning & Zoning Commission for sharing their refreshments for the meeting.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2012 Special Meeting.
Nilsson / Richards

In Favor: Nilsson; Richards; Kapelner

Abstain: Moffett

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION

EDC Membership

MOTION: To remove Richard Covill from the Economic Development Commission due to non-attendance at meetings. Richards / Kapelner / Unanimous

Route 140 Stakeholders Meeting

Ms. Whitten distributed copies of her memo along with a proposal from Planimetrics regarding Route 140 Stakeholders meetings. She noted that at the last meeting the EDC members reviewed a previous proposal and agreed that they only wanted to spend \$1500, rather than \$2,000. They now had an updated proposal with a total of \$1,500. She said Heidi Samokar had suggested that she come in here and talk to them about what they want to get out of the meeting beforehand and then come back. Ms. Whitten suggested that when they meet with business owners and homeowners, they could also have the Planning & Zoning Commission there, and possibly Tom Morano from Northeast Utilities. She noted that Northeast Utilities has said that they might have funding available that would allow a wetlands agent to flag the wetlands.

Mr. Kapelner asked about the new B-3 zone. Ms. Whitten explained that the uses would be allowed by Special Use Permit, with no automotive uses allowed. They are looking for the New England style. Mr. Richards expressed concern about abutting properties in Enfield, with parking lots in front and buildings in the back. Ms. Whitten said it provides for flexibility with the environmental constraints. You could have the buildings in front and the parking in the back. Mr. Moffett said you could end up with the building in East Windsor and the parking in Enfield.

MOTION: To approve the latest contact with Planimetrics.
Richards / Nilsson / Unanimous

After some discussion, the EDC members agreed that they would like to have the stakeholders meeting on either June 5th or 6th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Gavel, with Golden Irene's restaurant providing the food. Ms. Whitten will talk to Heidi Samokar and Patrick Soucy at Golden Gavel to find out which date would be best.

The EDC members also briefly discussed changing the date and time of their next meeting.

MOTION: That we change the next meeting to Monday, May 7th, starting at 6:00 p.m., and we will be utilizing the main meeting room.
Richards / Nilsson / Unanimous

East Windsor Driving Tours

Mr. Richards said there was nothing to report this month. The Historic Commission did not meet. He said hopefully we will be getting something soon.

Beautification of East Windsor

Mr. Richards said there is nothing so far. He asked how do we get the word out and suggested a letter to the editor. Mr. Moffett said he will do a letter on behalf of the Commission.

CERC Listings

Ms. Whitten said she did not call them to find out what other towns do for a process as to what properties get the top billings. Mr. Moffett said we should promote the town the best we can, We are promoting the area along Route 140. Mr. Richards said other areas of town are important. There are some buildings in the industrial park that might be empty. Ms. Whitten said she will call CERC to find out what other towns do.

Reappointment of Eric Moffett and Jim Richards.

Mr. Moffett and Mr. Richards agreed that they are still willing to serve as EDC members.

Economic Development Issues

Mr. Kapelner distributed copies of articles from the newspapers regarding other area towns' budgets, particularly their education budgets. He said East Windsor spends more per pupil than other towns, such as Ellington, but the grade scores are lower. He said we need to make statements to the Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. Mr. Moffett suggested sitting down with the Board of Education. Mr. Richards suggested sending a letter to the Board of Education asking for a breakdown of the per student cost.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn. Kapelner / Nilsson / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer
Recording Secretary