

**Town of East Windsor
Economic Development Commission**

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***Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2018***

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett, Gil Hayes, Nicholas Laskos and
Bob Lyke

Also Present: Laurie Whitten, Town Planner
Roger O'Brien, Economic Development Consultant
Andy Hoffman, Board of Selectman Member
Jim Richards, Chamber of Commerce Member

Chairman Eric Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Andy Hoffman talked about a job description for the economic development coordinator. He distributed copies of a job description that he received from Jim Burke from Windsor. Mr. Hoffman said he still believes that it is important that this town have a full-time economic development director. He feels that we are on the verge of changing the character of this town. Mr. Moffett said with the casino we have to figure out how to allocate some of the money. Mr. Hoffman said the Board of Selectmen has put in \$90,000 for a full-time economic development director. Ms. Whitten said if that doesn't go through the plan is to ask for \$50,000 for a part-time consultant in our budget.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 22, 2018.
Hayes / Laskos

In Favor: Hayes; Laskos;
Abstain: Moffett; Lyke

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Review EDC Ordinance

Ms. Whitten noted that at the last meeting we came up with the fact that we need some bylaws. She distributed copies of EDC bylaws from Hebron, Groton and Thompson. Mr. Moffett said the EDC ordinance has some bylaws in it. After some discussion Mr. Moffett suggested that the EDC members take home the ordinance and the bylaws from the other towns and compare notes. Ms. Whitten said we can do a mockup for the next meeting.

Separate EDC Website

Ms. Whitten put the Simsbury EDC website up on the smart board for the EDC members' review. She noted that it is a good example of an EDC website and said we can have something similar. She said the Town's EDC website is already purchased. We just have to decide what to put on it.

Job Description – Full-time Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Moffett questioned whether we do this now or wait until there is money. Mr. Hoffman recommended that we have it written up and ready to go. Mr. Moffett suggested that everyone review the job description that was passed out tonight and come back to the next meeting. Mr. Richards said it will have to go to the Board of Selectmen.

MMCT – Commercial Recreation:

Ms. Whitten indicated that they came to a recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and gave an informal presentation. They presented a general concept plan. It will be a casino to the right. The parking garage will be about 5 stories from the base of the cinemas but about one and a half stores from Route 5. The casino will have a glass atrium. It will be about 5 or 6 stories from the base of the cinemas.

Ms. Whitten explained that we just expanded the highway interchange floating zone. It is now an overlay zone. Now they won't have to ask for a rezone for the casino.

They also got approval for a map amendment for new modification of the wetlands. They will do an overall site plan and come in for their wetlands approval, hopefully in

April. Once they do that, they will come for their special use permit approval from the PZC in May. She said when we have the PZC meeting we will probably set a special meeting and find a location for the meeting because of the possible volume of people attending.

Warehouse Point Rezoning

Ms. Whitten noted that we have received a \$123,800 grant for transit development smart growth. It gives us money to hire a consultant to do a storm water plan and do some design guidelines. They want to determine where the water is going to go. The DECD is monitoring it. She said they are looking at increased density and some rezones in that area. She said we will probably be able to start in a few weeks.

Economic Development Issues

Ms. Whitten noted that Calamar has started. The Comfort Inn wants to put in another hotel. She said the North Central chamber has a 2018 membership directory. East Windsor is a member.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn Hayes / Laskos / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer, Recording Secretary