Town of East Windsor Economic Development Commission

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Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 18, 2016

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Eric Moffett, Andy Hoffman and Bill Kehoe.

Also Present: Laurie Whitten, Town Planner

Chairman Moffett called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. PUBLIC PARTCIPATION:

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 22, 2016.

Kehoe / Hoffman / Unanimous

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Small Business Center

Mr. Hoffman noted that the EDC members had agreed on a few minor changes to the proposed Small Business Center Mission Statement but it was not officially approved.

MOTION: To approve the Small Business Center Mission Statement.

Hoffman / Kehoe / Unanimous

Mr. Hoffman passed out copies of a proposed East Windsor Small Business Center Meetings document which outlined basic information for the first Small Business Center meeting. He suggested that each EDC member take the list of businesses from previous Meet & Greet events and each person take parts of the list and call people.

The EDC members discussed possible venues for the meetings. Venues suggested were Scout Hall and Merlot on the Water. Mr. Hoffman said the UConn Business Development Center is interested in supporting us. We need to make a final decision on the date and time of day as well as the venue. It was suggested having a morning breakfast meeting. Mr. Moffett suggested having the first meeting right after September.

Northern Route 5 Business Corridor

Ms. Whitten said we should move to try to promote this area. Mr. Moffett brought up the Home and Product Show that was held at the old Walmart site. He noted that they have 125,000 sq. ft. of space and suggested talking to Walmart about possibly turning it into an expo center. He said there is plenty of parking and noted that the expo center in Hartford is no longer there. He said he will do some research.

Election of Officers

MOTION: To vote on election of officers tonight.

Kehoe / Hoffman / Unanimous

MOTION: To have Eric Moffett as Chairman and Andy Hoffman as Vice

Chairman. Kehoe / Hoffman / Unanimous

Discussion of Economic Development Issues

The proposed EDC budget was discussed. It was noted that the EDC Professional Services was cut to \$3,000.00. Mr. Hoffman suggested that he would like to attend a Board of Finance meeting to talk about the EDC budget.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn. Hoffman / Kehoe / Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer, Recording Secretary