ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Minutes: Economic Development Commission Wednesday, November 18, 2015 Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall, 6:30 P.M.

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- I. Call to Order
 - 1. Brian Santos called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
 - 2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, Brian Santos, John Sharpe and Brian Yacino
 - 3. Staff Present: Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development; Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
 - 4. Also Present: Ken Beausoleil, First Selectman
- II. Election of Officers
 - 1. JoAnn Hall moved and Brian Santos seconded the motion to nominate Brian Yacino for Chair.
 - JoAnn Hall- Yes Brian Santos- Yes John Sharpe- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes **The motion carried unanimously.**
 - 2. John Sharpe moved and Brian Yacino seconded the motion to nominate JoAnn Hall for Vice-Chair.
 - JoAnn Hall- Yes Brian Santos- Yes John Sharpe- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes **The motion carried unanimously.**
 - 3. John Sharpe moved and Brian Yacino seconded the motion to nominate JoAnn Hall for Treasurer.
 - JoAnn Hall- Yes Brian Santos- Yes John Sharpe- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes **The motion carried unanimously.**
- III. Approval of 2016 Meeting Schedule
 - 1. JoAnn Hall moved and John Sharpe seconded the motion to accept the 2016 Meeting Schedule with the following amendments:
 - a. Correct the spelling of 'Wednesday.'
 - b. Change November 23, 2016 to November 16, 2016.
 - c. Change January 2017 meeting date to January 18, 2017.
 - d. Suspend the December meeting.
 - JoAnn Hall- Yes Brian Santos- Yes John Sharpe- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes

 The motion carried unanimously.

- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. January 21, 2015
 - a. Brian Yacino moved and Brian Santos seconded the motion to approve the January 21, 2015 minutes.

JoAnn Hall- Yes Brian Santos- Yes John Sharpe- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2. March 18, 2015
- 3. April 15, 2015
 - a. John Sharpe moved and Brian Yacino seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 and April 15, 2015 stating that there was not a quorum.

JoAnn Hall-Yes Brian Santos-Yes John Sharpe-Yes Brian Yacino-Yes **The motion carried unanimously.**

- V. Reports
 - 1. Treasurer
 - a. Treasurer reported that there is \$1,640.40 in the account.
 - 2. Update on Businesses in Town
 - a. The Commission, along with Mary Ann Chinatti and Ken Beausoleil, discussed various businesses in Town.
- VI. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items: None
- VII. Old Business
 - 1. Welcome Baskets
 - a. The Commission previously developed a welcome letter and brochure for new businesses, and discussed what to do with them now. The Commission agreed to look into the letter and brochure, and to include them as an agenda item next month.
- VIII. Correspondence
 - 1. Budget Review
 - 2. Trade Name Paperwork from Town Clerk's Office
 - 3. Notification of Thompson Community Day
 - a. The Commission briefly discussed Thompson Community Day, and acknowledged that they missed it and did not give out an award for Business of the Year.
- IX. Comments by Commission Members
 - 1. Brian Santos apologized for being busy and missing meetings, and stated that he will be at meetings going forward.
 - 2. Ken Beausoleil discussed possible ideas for the Commission to work on for the next meeting.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- X. Next Meeting
 - 1. December 16, 2015: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
- XI. Adjourn
 - 1. Brian Santos moved and JoAnn Hall seconded the motion to adjourn.

 JoAnn Hall- Yes Brian Santos- Yes John Sharpe- Yes Brian Yacino- Yes

 The motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. The motion adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Tina Fox Recording Secretary

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