



TOWN of
THOMPSON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Minutes: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall, 6:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

1. Chairman Brian Yacino called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.
2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, Tyra Penn-Gesek, John Sharpe (entered at 6:45 PM), and Brian Yacino.
3. Members Absent: Robert Larkin and Brian Santos
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
5. Also Present: Ken Beausoleil

II. Approval of Minutes

1. March 15, 2017

JoAnn Hall moved and Tyra Penn-Gesek seconded the motion to approve the March 15, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

JoAnn Hall- Yes

H. Charles Obert-Abstain

Tyra Penn-Gesek- Yes

Brian Yacino- Yes

The motion carried.

III. Reports

1. Treasurer

- a. J. Hall reported that there is \$51,603.78 left in the budget.
 - b. H. C. Obert asked if the First Selectman moved forward with using some of this money to upgrade the website. K. Beausoleil answered that he has not brought it to the BOS, and an RFP would need to be developed. The Commission discussed the website and the possibility of recording meetings.
 - c. John Sharpe entered the meeting at 6:45 PM.
2. Update on Businesses in Town
 - a. The Commission discussed trade name certificates that were received, as well as the proposed restaurant that will be built on Thompson Rd., the solar field in Mechanicsville, the Johnson Corrugated property, and the mill at 929 Riverside Dr.

IV. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items: None

V. Old Business

1. Continue Discussion Regarding NECCOG Branding Study/Branding Identity Committee Meeting
 - a. B. Yacino stated that the proposed meeting date is May 15, 2017. K. Beausoleil suggested changing the date because that is the night of the annual Town meeting.
 - b. The Commission discussed the last Branding meeting.

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2. Report from Business Expo March 24th
 - a. B. Yacino stated that some brochures were handed out, and about 30 businesses were set up. They are looking to reduce the hours next year, and to have the businesses that set up a table park across the street.

VI. New Business

1. J. Hall asked if there is news on Riverside Pizza. K. Beausoleil answered that there is nothing new to report.

VII. Correspondence: None

VIII. Comments by Commission Members

1. H. C. Obert discussed a trail survey that will be conducted on the Airline Trail.

IX. Next Meeting

1. The next REGULAR meeting of the Commission is May 17, 2017: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

X. Adjourn

1. Chairman B. Yacino adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary