



TOWN of
THOMPSON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

MINUTES: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, September 17th, 2014, Merrill Seney Conference Room, Town Hall

Chairman Lajoie called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM.

Members Present: Ryan Lajoie, Brian Yacino, JoAnn Hall, and John Sharpe.

Staff Present: Andrew Richardson, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Paul Lenky, First Selectman

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion made by Joann Hall to accept the minutes from the August 20th, 2014 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. This motion was seconded by Brian Yacino.

JoAnn Hall – Yes, Brian Yacino – Yes, John Sharpe – Yes, Ryan Lajoie – Yes

Reports:

1. Treasurer:
There is \$2,276.66 in the Commission's account as of September 18, 2014.
2. Business Street Signs:
 - a. No new update.
3. Belding Corticelli Improvement Committee:
 - a. No new update.
4. Update on businesses in Town:
 - a. McClure's Tech. is a new business in town located at 1 Quaddick Town Farm Road in Thompson, CT. The owner of this business is George McClure and the purpose of the business is to offer pc repair and maintenance.

Citizens' comments pertaining to Agenda Items

1. First Selectmen Paul Lenky attended the meeting and briefly updated the members of the Economic Development Commission on the Industrial Park on Reardon Road. Mr. Lenky stated that work there is progressing and that they have been working with the rail road to prepare the land. Mr. Lenky also noted that 3 phase power will also be an important part of the process and that it will run from Route 12 to the Industrial Park on Reardon Road. He also stated that a grant will be needed as part of the process but that ultimately the whole process will be very beneficial to the town of Thompson.

New Business:

1. Community Day:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie stated that Community Day will be held on September 28th, 2014 from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Mr. Lajoie also explained that the Economic Development Commission has everything all set for Community Day except for the Business of the Year Award.
2. Business of the Year Award:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie and the other members continued the meeting by shifting their focus to choosing a business to be awarded the annual Business of the Year Award. A discussion then took place between the members as to which businesses in town best fit the criteria for the award.

b. A motion was made by John Sharpe to nominate the Thompson Speedway as the recipient of the Business of the Year Award. This motion was seconded by Brian Yacino.
John Sharpe – Yes, Brian Yacino – Yes, JoAnn Hall – Yes, Ryan Lajoie - Yes

Old Business:

1. Information Packet:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie explained that this is an ongoing item and stated that he would like to have an information packet sent out to the new business in town.
2. Thompson's Plan of Conservation and Development:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie discussed how this is an ongoing area of focus and that everything is currently still on the same path.
3. Thompson Business Association (TBA): Brian Yacino mentioned that he would like to see another expo take place in the fall but that other than that there were no new updates.
4. Economic Development Commission Web Site:
 - a. Mr. Lajoie explained that this is also an ongoing item. Mr. Lenky mentioned to the Commission members that the website will be revamped in the near future so that it will be easier to navigate as there are currently certain aspects of the website that are outdated.

Correspondence:

1. None

Commissioner Comments:

1. Ryan Lajoie briefly mentioned to all members that it would be nice for everyone to do their best to attend Community Day.

Next meeting:

1. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

Adjourn:

1. Chairman Lajoie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. This motion was seconded by John Sharpe.
Ryan Lajoie – Yes, John Sharpe – Yes, Brian Yacino – Yes, JoAnn Hall – Yes.

Andrew Richardson
Recording Secretary