

Harwinton Economic Development Commission

April 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:37 p.m. Commissioners present: Chair Kerrie Ouellette, Vice-Chair Thomas Schoenemann, Secretary John DiCarlo, Frank Hickey, Jon Sederquist and Franci Tartaglino.

2. On a motion made by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mr. DiCarlo, the commission unanimously voted to approve adoption of the agenda

3. On a motion made by Ms. Tartaglino and seconded by Ms. Ouellette, the commission unanimously voted to approve Minutes of the commission's 03/13/13 Special Meeting.

4. Commissioners discussed research regarding the business incubator proposal under consideration. Mr. DiCarlo reported that his research indicates no Connecticut municipality offers the limited incubator space for local businesses similar to the one the commission is currently considering. Commissioners decided to table additional discussion on the item until Commissioner Steve Criss arrives.

5. Commissioners agreed to ask the town to send a form with tax bills asking whether taxpayers would like their businesses added to the Business Directory. Mr. Schoenemann volunteered to make adjustments last year's form, including informing taxpayers where they can find the directory online.

6. Any other business - Commissioners discussed interest from businesses interested in participating in the town's Super Saturday event at Town Hall on May 18. In a survey sent via the Harwinton online newsletter, there were no responses. Commissioners agreed to resend the inquiry via the town's unofficial Facebook page.

Commissioners discussed a request from a town resident to join the Commission. Mr. Sederquist, whose one-year term has recently expired, confirmed that he would like to continue serving. Ms. Ouellette volunteered to invite the resident to attend future Commission meetings, and participate directly via the Public Participation segment as well as learn about all agenda items by being present for other agenda items.

At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Criss joined the meeting. He reported that six businesses completed the survey on what they would like in a local business incubator. Commissioners agreed that they cannot send forward an incubator proposal to the Board of Selectmen without more input from local businesses on their needs. On a motion made by Ms. Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Criss, commissioners unanimously voted to resend the survey directly to businesses listed in the town's business directory, along with an inquiry about interest in participating in the May 18 Super Saturday at Town Hall.

7. Public Participation. There were no members of the public present.

8. On a motion made by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Schoenemann, the commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John DiCarlo, secretary.