

Harwinton Economic Development Commission

October 1, 2014, Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM. Commissioners present: Steven Criss, John DiCarlo, Donna Groccia-Lubik, Thomas Schoenemann, and Jonathan Sederquist.

Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to approve the agenda.

Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to accept August's minutes, as submitted.

Comments from the Chair: Terri Ruot, of Thomaston Savings Bank, has accepted our recommendation to be considered for a position on the commission. Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that she be considered for the vacant position on the Commission.

As per August's directives, Tom forwarded Northwest CT Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Action Agenda AND Northwest Hills Council of Governments-Supporting your Main Streets & Local Businesses-Checklist of Action Steps and How to Make your Town more Farm Friendly to the 1st Selectman.

The Selectman have asked the Chairs of all Land Use Commissions to join in a meeting on October 7th. Tom will attend as the representative of the EDC.

Old Business: Discussion continued regarding possible new business incentives for improving existing commercial buildings. With suggestions from the Commissioners, the draft was tweaked and motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to present to the Selectman. Draft application form will also be forwarded for review. Tom will email the drafts and asked to be placed on the Selectmen's monthly agenda.

We also discussed town brochure and inclusion of key events, organizations, and places of interest. Steve Criss will take the lead and prepare a draft for review at next month's meeting. The brochure will be 3 fold and be more of an events calendar, with some attractions noted as well.

Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to adopt the draft criteria for choosing the Outstanding Business. It was noted that our budget has increased to \$500 in anticipation of this biennial award. Procedures for making the award will be discussed at future meetings.

New Business: John DiCarlo noted that there have been four recent inquiries on the Rt 118 building. Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to put "Available Commerical Properties" on our website, with a possible link to the listing realtor. John to follow up with Mel at the Town Hall for this website update.

There was no public participation.

Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna M. Groccia-Lubik, Secretary

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