Harwinton Economic Development Commission

November 5, 2014, Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM. Commissioners present: Steven Criss, John DiCarlo, Donna Groccia-Lubik, Terri Ruot, and Thomas Schoenemann.

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

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

Comments from the Chair: Tom indicated that the Starting a Small Business in Northwest CT-a Basic Guide, published by NW CT Score, is now posted as a pdf on the Harwinton website.

The Washington Agency will be added to our town's Business Directory.

Tom welcomed Terri Ruot to the EDC.

Tom distributed a copy of the 2014 Survey of NW CT Businesses to all meeting attendees.

Old Business: Our proposed new business incentives for improving existing commercial buildings will be considered at the December 2nd Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Steve Criss presented a rough draft of our town brochure. Discussion followed and Steve agreed to provide a mock up and copy for our next monthly meeting,

There was further discussion of our proposed Outstanding Business Award. Combining the presentation and dinner celebration with the Harwinton Outstanding Citizen Award was suggested. We again confirmed that our award would be biennial. John indicated that he envisions a news release indicating that we are accepting nominations, with our list of criteria, and requesting nominations, supported by 300 words or less.

New Business: Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to hold EDC meeting on 2015 on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM.

Donna and Tom's respective terms endsmonth ended November 2014. Tom will discuss with first selectman regarding appointment of additional terms.

Public Participation: We were joined by Marissa Strange, from Lewis S Mills High School.

Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:45PM.

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