

**Harwinton Economic Development Commission**  
**February 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:36 p.m. Commissioners present: Vice-Chair John DiCarlo, Kevin Moran, Terri Ruot and Jon Sederquist.
2. On a motion duly made and seconded, the commission unanimously voted to approve adoption of the agenda
3. On a motion duly made and seconded, the commission unanimously voted to approve Minutes of the commission's 12/15/15 Meeting.
4. Chairman's comments: Mr. DiCarlo provided details of an Economic Summit he attended on January 26 presented by the Northwest Hills Council of Governments in Morris. He said the forum included rotating presentations from a variety of public and private economic development entities on assistance they provide and said he would share a copy packets distributed to attendees. He said the event was particularly well targeted for small businesses, which comprise a large segment of the business community in northwest Connecticut.
5. Commissioners reviewed the Town Brochure document that Mr. DiCarlo has been working on and provided a number of suggestions for content, including:
  - Limit links of town non-profit organizations in the document to a link to the page on the Town of Harwinton's website where they are all listed.
  - Listing attributes of Harwinton, including access to passive and active recreation, hunting, fishing, being equestrian friendly and eclectic dining experiences.
6. Commissioners reviewed the application of Turbokits for tax abatement ordinance benefits. Commissioners agreed the application was worthy of the benefits applied for, and represents an ideal opportunity to apply the ordinance, as the company's building is a high profile one that sat vacant for years. On a motion duly made and seconded, the commission unanimously voted to approve the application, subject to it being signed and notarized, and send it to the Board of Selectmen for further review and approval.
7. Any other business: There was no other business.
9. Public Participation. There was no public participation.
10. On a motion duly made and seconded, the commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by John DiCarlo, Vice-Chairman.*

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