

Town of Harwinton
Economic Development Commission
Minutes: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Commissioners present: Chair Tom Schoenemann, Vice-Chair John DiCarlo, Commissioner Terri Ruot and Commissioner Noreen Saksa
2. On a motion that was made and duly seconded, the meeting agenda was unanimously voted approved.
3. On a motion that was duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were unanimously voted approved.
4. Commissioner Kevin Moran joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.
5. Comments from the Chair: Commissioner Schoenemann discussed the status of the business directory and that he met with an owners of A & J's Ice Cream Parlor and left a form for the business to be listed in the directory. He said he intends to do some outreach to several businesses in the directory that may no longer be in operation for possible removal from the directory. He said he will also send the registration form to fellow commissioners in the event they learn of new businesses in town.

Commissioner Schoenemann also discussed the 'Starting a Home Based Business' workshop that will be held at the Harwinton Public Library on Wednesday, September 28. He said the presentation will include information from the town's land use office regarding compliance for businesses. Commissioner Moran volunteered to provide brief remarks regarding financing options for home based businesses at the event. Commissioners agreed the event could be beneficial to business owners in town, who may also share information anecdotally among themselves.
5. Town Brochure: Commissioner DiCarlo noted the document is ready to send forward to the Board of Selectman, however, he's been unable to reach a representative from North Meadow Farm for clearance of a photo in the draft. Commissioner Schoenemann said he will work to connect with that business for its approval.
5. Old Business: Commissioner DiCarlo said he will send a draft email to Commissioner Schoenemann for outreach to businesses listed in the Harwinton Business Directory regarding their interest in a potential business expo. Commissioners agreed such an event could be as simple as tabletop displays in the large meeting room in Town Hall for an evening. The level of interest from local businesses would determine exactly what the expo would consist of.
6. There was no new business
7. There were no member of the public present for public participation.
8. On a motion duly made and seconded, the commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John DiCarlo, Acting Secretary

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