

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of August 8, 2012 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. Commissioners present Chair Kerri Ouellette, Vice Chair P. Thomas Schoenemann, Secretary John DiCarlo, Steve Criss, Franci Tartaglino and Jon Sederquist.

2. Motion to adopt the agenda made by Mr. Schoenemann, seconded by Mr. Criss, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frank Hickey joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

3. Minutes of the 7/12/12 were read by Mr. DiCarlo. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Schoenemann, passed unanimously.

4. The Commission reviewed status of business data received via surveys sent with recent tax bills to all Harwinton taxpayers. More than 55 responses have been received to date and were circulated among commissioners for review. Commissioners noted there are currently no strong themes in the comments submitted alongside business information.

Mr. Schoenemann reported that a price for printing a business directory similar to the Town of Norfolk's he received was \$185 for 200 copies. Commissioners discussed what would be included in a Harwinton version and agreed it would likely list a business' name, address, phone number and website. Ms. Ouellette volunteered to contact Town Attorney Rybek regarding an appropriate disclaimer for the directory that would note the Town of Harwinton is not endorsing using any particular business, merely listing them as a public service.

5. As 'Other Business,' the commission discussed the possibility of members attending the Community Builders Institute Crash Courses I & II. First Selectman Michael Criss has asked that commissioners give serious consideration to attending these workshops and attend if at all possible. Mr. Steve Criss noted he is registered for both workshops. Commissioners discussed scheduling conflicts with the September course offering times.

At 6:50, Mr. Schoenemann excused himself from the meeting for a previous commitment.

Ms. Ouellette said she will check with the First Selectman to see whether he feels it is important for more than one commissioner to attend and report back to the commission via email.

6. Public Participation – No members of the public were present.

7. Motion made to adjourn the EDC meeting to adjourn the meeting to reconvene at the Planning Commission's meeting on possible creation of a town center/village area with an adjournment at 7:45 made by Mr. DiCarlo, seconded by Ms. Ouelette, passed unanimously.

8. At 7 p.m., the EDC reconvened at the Planning Commission's meeting

9. At 7:45 the EDC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by John DiCarlo, Secretary.

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