

# Harwinton Economic Development Commission

## May 12, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM. Commissioners present: John DiCarlo, Donna Groccia-Lubik, Kevin Moran, Terri Ruot, Thomas Schoenemann and Jonathan Sederquist.

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

Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to accept April's minutes.

Comments from the Chair: None

Old Business: As was the case during last month's meeting, discussion regarding the town brochures was tabled until next month, as S Criss was not present.

Harwinton's outstanding business award news release was posted in the Republican American. Tom Schoenemann will post flyers in the PO, bank, 2 pizza places and 2 liquor stores in town. He will also contact the Northwest Chamber of Commerce to determine the feasibility of distributing an email blast to Harwinton chamber members only. John DiCarlo will submit a follow up news release to the newspapers. The deadline for submissions was changed to May 9<sup>th</sup>, a week before our next meeting.

Discussion continued on home based business zoning. Tom indicated that 19 businesses out of the 300 Harwinton small businesses taxpayers are presently holding a permit. Tom will provide a listing of the 19 permit holders at next month's meeting. The criteria for requiring a permit does not seem to be clear. Issues addressed were employees, parking and customers. Motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to support Polly Redmond, Harwinton's Land Use Coordinator's efforts in drafting her proposed regulation amendments as relates to home based businesses. Next month discussion will continue regarding the permit process and a more detailed look at its requirements. Tom also noted that the NW CT Chamber of Commerce has indicated that 40% of businesses in northwest CT are home based. This situation will be further analyzed as it relates to Harwinton and its zoning regulations.

Public Participation: Julia Sheahan, from LSM was in attendance with her mom. Julia was fulfilling a Civic's class requirement.

Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

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

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