



# *Economic Development Commission*

*Town of Bethel, Connecticut*

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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

**PRESENT:** Michael Boyle, Chairman, Kevin McMahan, Jay Streaman, Roy Steiner, Erik Andersen and Bonnie Brown.

**Call to order:** Michael Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comments:** none

**Minutes of January 25, 2012:** Erik Andersen made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Consideration of Site Plan Review – Bethel Power Equipment:** Mark Guss and Kevin Dee of Bethel Power Equipment presented site plans for the intended development at 6 Clarke Circle (former location of GRIMCO, Bix, Wright Associates). Bethel Power Equipment had been located on Grassy Plain Street for many, many years and has outgrown their present location. They’ve received Planning & Zoning approval.

The plans call for a 3,000 square foot showroom addition to the front of the building. This will be a showroom for their merchandise. They will also have warehouse and repair space. The anticipated timeframe includes immediate construction with occupancy in June/July.

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Kevin McMahon made a motion, which was seconded by Erik Andersen, to approve the site plans as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Jay Streaman abstained from the vote.

**Regulation Review Update:** No action taken. Members were asked to send in the comments/recommendations.

**Clarke Business Park Sign Update:**

Michael Boyle reported that Attorney O'Grady has spoken with the owners of the adjoining parcel and they have agreed to let the park sign remain in its current location; Attorney O'Grady will provide us with a release.

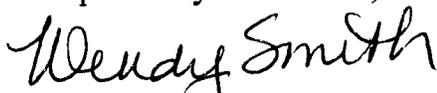
Michael Boyle made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin McMahon, to authorize an amount not to exceed \$14,000 for the new Clarke Business sign and related installation costs. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Clarke Business Park List Update:** still in process

**Economic Outreach Commission Update:** Michael Boyle reported that the Economic Outreach Committee will be placing, more and larger signs throughout town. Also discussed briefly was potentially hiring an Economic Development Director. Members were urged to start thinking about what they would like to see from this position.

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Erik Andersen made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary