



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: Michael Boyle, Chairman, Sharon Straiton, Jay Streaman, Erik Andersen, Kevin McMahan and Bonnie Brown.

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

Public comment: none

Approval of minutes February 22, 2012: Kevin McMahan made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Abstain: Sharon Straiton

Clarke regulation review update: As not all members were present, it was agreed to hold off on the review. It is believed that former member John Holbrook has comments from several members and he will be contacted to see about getting their comments.

Clarke business list update: Requested that it be ready for the next meeting.

Clarke sign update: Permits have been obtained and purchase orders issued; the various contractors will coordinate to begin the work associated with the sign installation. Construction activities for the new sign are anticipated to take several weeks and that a ribbon cutting ceremony can happen in May/June.

Parks and Recreation will be contacted to begin with the grounds maintenance at the Park.

Economic Development position: The potential hiring of an Economic Development Director was discussed. It was pointed out that the surrounding towns all have a director and the Chamber of Commerce is in support. It was agreed to start reviewing job

descriptions and determine what responsibilities and goals would be most desirable from this position.

Economic Outreach update: Michael Boyle noted that additional (and bigger) signs will be installed within the month. Town brochure is on the verge of completion. William Shannon was just appointed to the Economic Outreach Committee.

New Business:

Representative Dan Carter is working with state and local officials to resolve the issue of the "open space" vs "other lands of the Town of Bethel" issue regarding the land within the park; it is hoped that this can be resolved soon so that additional development within the park can take place.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on the agenda, Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin McMahan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary