

ECONOMIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center -Town Clerk Office, moved to
Meeting Room "B"

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Present: Chairman, Mike Boyle, Robert Stosser, Mike Struna, Bonnie Brown, Paul Rinaldi and Roy Steiner.

Absent: William Shannon, Anthony Rubino, and Sandi Forman.

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Rinaldi made a motion to accept the minutes of January 15, 2013; the motion was seconded by Bonnie Brown. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Search Committee Update: Bonnie Brown presented an update on the search for an Economic Development Director (see attached). Bonnie explained the process for attracting applicants. They had received 13 applications, and through the screening process narrowed it down to 2 candidates.

Chairman Boyle noted that the final interview will be conducted by First Selectman Knickerbocker and Chairman Boyle upon the return of the First Selectman from vacation.

Bob Stosser noted that both are assets, they are better than average in their presentations and each brings unique qualifications to the table.

Old Business: Paul Rinaldi inquired about the replacement of signs on Route 53. He also asked about increasing signage by finding new locations. Chairman Boyle asked for Paul to look into this and return to the next meeting with proposals.

The new town website is up and running. Placing the Economic Director page on the website will be a project for the new director.

Mike Boyle as Chairman of the EDC is waiting to hear back from Dan Carter and the State DECD regarding new lots in Clarke Business Park.

He also stated that the CEDS project is moving along with the consultant study 30% done. They are slightly off target time wise, this will be useful as part of Regional Development, the availability of applying for grants on a state and federal level can be realized.

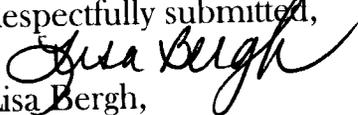
New Business: None

Bob Stosser made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Paul Rinaldi. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 28, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH, 2013**

- **MEMBERS: BONNIE BROWN (CHAIR), BILL SHANNON, ROY STEINER, BOB STOSSER, SHARON STRAITON**
- **5 MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 23-MARCH 26**
- **“MARKETING”: JOB POSTED AT TOWN HALL ON 12/20/2012, IN ST. MARY’S BULLETIN, FAIRFIELD BUSINESS JOURNAL, & ON ELECTRONIC BOARDS; NETWORKING BY EOC, EDC, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; “EYE ON BETHEL” TV APPEARANCE**
- **13 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
- **8 APPLICANTS PHONE SCREENED IN FEBRUARY**
- **5 CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED ON MARCH 4TH**
- **3 CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED IN SECOND ROUND ON MARCH 11TH AND 13TH**
- **2 CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED FOR FINAL INTERVIEWS WITH MIKE AND MATT**