



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, March 31, 2011

4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: Kevin McMahon, John Holbrook, Bonnie Brown, Jay Streaman, Erik Anderson, Scott Ward and Michael Boyle. Also in attendance was First Selectman Knickerbocker.

Call to order: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes of August 26, 2010: Erik Anderson made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Michael Boyle and Bonnie Brown abstained from the vote as they were not members at the time of the meeting.

Discussion of Economic Development Commission charge and future direction with First Selectman Knickerbocker:

First Selectman Knickerbocker began the meeting with a discussion on the future role of the Economic Development Commission; the town ordinance that created the Economic Development Commission is much more detailed than the past activities of the commission. The primary focus, for a variety of reasons, had been the development of the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park.

Michael Boyle, who chairs the recently created Economic Outreach Committee shared the activities of that committee. Recently, among their many activities, they had prepared a survey and sent it to over 300 businesses and received, to date, over 100 replies. He noted that the replies were very detailed in their comments. His committee

has tapped into the resources of the school system; over 150 students have been working with the committee on a variety of projects to promote Bethel.

Economic Development Commission members expressed interest in expanding their current focus. John Holbrook did caution that attention must also remain with the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park as real tax benefits and job creation lies with the expansion of the park.

It was agreed that at the next meeting of the Economic Development Commission, (tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.) duties, goals, committees, etc. will be further explored and established.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Erik Anderson made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary