



Economic Development Commission

Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: Michael Boyle, Chairman, Sharon Straiton, Noel Gill, Jay Streaman, Bonnie Brown, Kevin McMahon and Roy Steiner. Also attending was Janice Chrzescijanek, Economic Director.

Call to order: Michael Boyle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Bonnie Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to approve the minutes as presented: Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Roy Steiner made a motion, which was seconded by Noel Gill, to add to today's agenda, consideration of Lot # 20 - Connecticut Coining Expansion. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Lot # 20 - Connecticut Coining Expansion: Steven Palmer, Zoning Official presented the preliminary site plans for a 10,000 square foot addition on Connecticut Coining's building. He noted that they have an opportunity to purchase a competing business and this will enable them to expand their existing business. The application is preliminary and they will have to go before the town regulatory agencies for approval.

Kevin McMahon made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to approve the preliminary plans and upon receipt of the town regulatory process approvals, provide final Economic Development Commission approvals. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Economic Directors Report: Janice Chrzescijanek reported on the activities from July and August. One of the most notable is the expansion of a local business, Memry Corporation and their award of a \$2.75 million loan from the state. The state also

awarded a \$100,000 grant for the expansion of the park; she is currently working with the DECD and Milone & MacBroom to finalize the contracts. She also noted the opening of several new businesses in town and in October, the opening of a Studio Workshop that will provide a space in one of the vacant locations downtown for an artist studio, gallery and classroom. She advised that Vanderbilt Chemical will be moving their manufacturing to Kentucky but a pilot program will remain here in town.

Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Noel Gill to authorize the membership renewal in CERC for \$300. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Bonnie Brown, to authorize \$95 for Janice Chrzescijanek to attend the CBIA workshop. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Clarke Business Park Rules & Regulations: As the draft revisions to the Rules & Regulations are complete. Kevin McMahon made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. followed by an Economic Development Commission meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

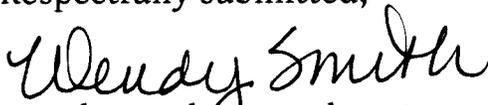
It was noted that the permitted uses in the Clarke Business Park are specifically listed and correspond to the zoning regulations.

In accord with the rules and regulations, notices will be sent to all lot owners and they will be provided a copy of the proposed revisions to the rules & regulations. After the Public Hearing, the Economic Development Commission will meet again to formally adopt any revisions to the Rules & Regulations.

Invoices: Sharon Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Streaman, to approve payment to Attorney Martin Lawlor, invoice dated July 1, 2014, in the amount of \$788 for legal services rendered in connection with the rules & regulations, approval of payment in the amount of \$95 for registration to the CBIA event on September 5, 2014 and approval of the Annual Membership Renewal to the CT Economic Resource Center in the amount of \$300. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on today's agenda, Roy Steiner made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin McMahon, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary