

2014-06-03 EDC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

**Chairperson, Lyn LaCharite
(860)774-6045**

*Meeting the First Tuesday of every month @ 4pm at the
Clifford B Green Memorial Center*

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 3,2014

MINUTES

1.) Roll Call: Lyn LaCharite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Lyn LaCharite, Andrew Pinto, Marybeth Leonard, Bob Simons and Ron Ventura. Cary Garcia and Chris Landis absent with notice

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting May 6, 2014. Motion by Robert Simons to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014 with the following corrections: Cary Grants should be Cary Garcia. Motion second by Marybeth Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

3.) Public Commentary - Rick Ives, First Selectman was present to comment on the proposed Tech Park in Putnam. Representatives from Putnam attended a recent Brooklyn Board of Selectman meeting outlining this proposal. The parcel will include six lots. The two up front will be for the proposed YMCA and the back four will be for an technology park. They will receive funding from the State of 50% if they keep the park for just Putnam. If Putnam offers the park to other towns as a regional park, the State will provide 75% funding. The total cost of the project is projected at 7.6 million.

A proposed ownership for Putnam is 51% with the other 49% offered to area towns. Net cost for Putnam is \$800,000 and \$80,000 for the 10% buy in Town. There is a Phase II of the project with the potential of an additional 15 lots. The buy in Town will receive tax revenue of 10% and 10% of the sale proceeds of the land. Scotland is currently working on an agreement with Putnam regarding the 10% of the proposed Tech Park. The BOF and BOS agree this is a good idea.

Mr. Ives next discussed financing vs. onetime payment with the Commission. A 2% loan is proposed for the funding of the \$80,000. Further discussion ensued.

Ron Ventura made a motion to support the selectman in this matter. He feels the Commission should take action on this today. He would like to see financing rather than making a onetime payment. He does not feel the lots will sell in four years however, eight years would be more a realistic time frame. He would like it confirmed that the tax revenue and sale proceeds is 10%. Robert Simons second the motion. All in favor of recommending to the Board of Selectman to move forward with the participation in the Putnam Tech Par. Unanimous.

Rick Ives next discussed the Route 6 sidewalk and said things have slowed down. There is approximately five takings of land which need to be done by the State in order to put the sidewalk in. Plans have been approved by the DOT. He expects construction to start next spring.

Robert Simons asked about the name change of Wal-Mart to Sam's Club. Mr. Ives stated they have been going through a very high volume of shop lifting. He reviewed what they are proposing to do to stop this from going on.

Mr. Ives also stated that he has put \$27,000 in the budget to hire a consultant to review the Town of Brooklyn's Zoning Regulations.

4.) Unfinished Business

a.) Budget - Lyn LaCharite reviewed the budget with the Commission. The news signs are not on this statement. They purchased five signs at \$275 each. The remaining balance from the budget will be turned back to the Town. Hart's will be selling the flowers at cost for the sign planters. Rick Ives asked that the planters are not too heavy so as to cause damage to a car in the event of an accident.

b.) Business Association - The next meeting will be a Fun After Five

on June 17th at Citizens Bank.

c.) Brooklyn Signs Repair - See above.

5.) New Business - None.

6.) Other Business - None.

7.) Adjournment - Marybeth Leonard made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm.
Motion second by Ron Ventura. Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier