

## **2014-2-4 EDC Minutes**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

# **The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission**

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

### **MINUTES**

1.) Roll Call - Lyn LaCharite called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Members in attendance: Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia, Lyn LaCharite, Chris Landis and Ronald Ventura. Robert Simons (4:20 pm). Andrew Pinto absent without notification.

Also present: First Selectman, Rick Ives

Ron Ventura seated at a regular voting member.

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting December 3, 2013. Marybeth Leonard made a motion to accept the December 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following corrections: 5.) Unfinished Business - a.) Lyn LaCharite has contacted Subway and Dollar Tree and is waiting to hear back from them in order to set up their plaque presentation and advertisement. 6.) New Business - a.) Canterbury BBA Event 12/5 - should be "Wrights Mills Farm". Second by Ron Ventura. Motion carried unanimously.

3.) Public Commentary - None

#### 4.) Correspondence - None

#### 5.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Recognition - Lyn LaCharite reported that the owner of Green Goddess will let her know at the next BBA event when she will be available for a plaque presentation. The Commission also discussed a presentation to the new owner of Monogrammit. The owner of this business will also be in attendance at the next BBA event and Lyn will speak with her about a presentation date.

b.) Business Association - The next scheduled event is the Fun After Five being held at Napa on the 18th of February. The schedule of events for the BBA is Fun After Five on alternating months with the regular meeting of the BBA held on the opposite month. The regular meetings will be held at Grey Mare Farms. Election of officers were held at last months meeting. There are currently 30 to 35 members.

Lyn LaCharite explained that the executive committee has decided to support the Historical Society in their efforts to continue the Fall Festival. Marybeth Leonard spoke with Bucky Lohbusch regarding combining Spooky Night and the Fall Festival. He agreed with her suggestion.

c.) Board & Commission Forum - The forum was held by the First Selectman, Rick Ives. Lyn LaCharite stated that it was a very informational meeting. Mr. Ives spoke with all the department heads and discussed upcoming issues and plans that he would like to work on with the Commissions.

Rick Ives stated that he would like to have more of these meetings. Possibly twice a year. He has scheduled a meeting for March 24th with the Boards and Commissions who have changes in their budget, in order to open discussions regarding this issued. This is only for the Commissions that have proposed changes. He feels it will be an opportunity for people to hear what is going on with the budget.

#### 6.) New Business

a.) Annual Report - Lyn LaCharite has drafted a synopsis of accomplishments for the 2013 year and presented this to the Town.

b.) Budget 2014/2015 - This has been submitted for the same

amount as last year. Family Fun Day is not in the budget. The Recreation Department is now handling this, however, members from the EDC have elected to help the Recreation Department.

Robert Simons arrives at the meeting. (4:20pm)

#### 7.) Other Business -

Rick Ives reviewed the discussion of the proposed sidewalk from Chucky's to Wal-Mart. He explained that Brooklyn is part of the Worcester Urban Center. NECCOG has been allotted roughly 1 million dollars from this group which will be put towards this project.

Mr. Ives also reported on the FOI meeting which had an attendance of roughly 40 people and was well run and informative.

The Housing Authority is moving along with Tiffany's Place. CL&P has given some money towards this project through tax credits. There are other tax credits that will be applied to the project and the remaining funding will need to come from private funding. This project is roughly 3.2 million.

The vacant DKH medical office on Route 169 has had some interest from prospective buyers. Mr. Ives also stated that the old Excalibur on Allen Hill Road may be going to the PZC for a zone change to light industrial as there is an interested party for this property and a zone change will be needed in order for them to use the property.

8.) Adjournment - Robert Simons moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 pm. Motion was second by Cary Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk