

# 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 MARCH 3, 2015**

### **MINUTES**

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

Members Present: Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia, Robert Simons, Andrew Pinto, Ronald Ventura and Lyn LaCharite.

Others Present - Jana Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator and Aaron Kerouack.

Chris Landis - Absent with notification.

Ronald Ventura seated as a voting member.

2.) Public Commentary - Aaron Kerouack asked the Commission if they ever considered moving the existing town entrance signs to the border of the town line. Lyn LaCharite said there has been previous discussion regarding this issue, however they have put the current signs on the border of the town's business district. Further discussion was heard regarding this issue. Ms. LaCharite stated that the EDC has created and restored about \$3,000 worth of signs and feels this is enough.

Robert Simons asked for a point of order as the minutes were to be approved before Public Commentary.

3.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 3, 2015 - Marybeth Leonard made a motion to approve the February 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Cary Garcia second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 4.) Unfinished Business

a.) Brooklyn Business Association - Marybeth Leonard hosted the previous Business After Hours at The Gray Mare Farm. This meeting was very well attended and there were also prospects for new members. The next meeting will held on March 17, 2015.

b.) Brooklyn Signs - This has been discussed previously. However Lyn LaCharite does not have a quote yet regarding the signs which were damaged. She asked the Commission for the approval of the expense of up to \$1,000 to repair the signs. She will let everyone know what the cost is once she does hear from Gagnon Signs.

Marybeth Leonard made a motion to allow Lyn LaCharite to move forward with the repairs to the damaged signs up to \$1,000 total. Andrew Pinto second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c.) Nutmeg Signs - Lyn LaCharite reported that Mr. Neeman (sp) has been before the PZC and they have stated that they would allow him to move forward with a text amendment change. Jana Roberson stated that she has given his assistant all the information that they will need to submit the text amendment request. She also stated that there has been positive feedback from the PZC.

d.) Business Recognition - The Commission discussed who they would like to present plaques too. Brooklyn Pizza, Brooklyn Market, Nutmeg Inc, Laundry Express III, Johnny's Pizza (new owner), Premier Chevrolet and Courtesy Ford . Lyn LaCharite will send out an email suggesting dates for these presentation.

#### 5.) New or Other Business

Lyn LaCharite stated that there are three companies interested in opening their business at the Complex building. They will be before the PZC meeting on 3/4/15.

CERC - Lyn LaCharite gave the commissioners a handout regarding a two hour training seminar for Brooklyn that CERC will present regarding the entire municipality and how to bring in new businesses and other issues. Ms. LaCharite will inquire on some dates and email the commissioners.

Lyn LaCharite asked Jana Roberson if there has been any action taken on the Brooklyn Oil property. Jana Roberson said there have been complaints and that she will be looking into.

Andrew Pinto asked about the South Main Street zoning issue. Jana Roberson stated that this matter is going to be looked at during the PZC zoning rewrite.

#### 6.) Adjournment

Robert Simons made a motion to adjourn at 4:37 pm. Ronald Ventura second the motion. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk