

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 MAY 5, 2015

MINUTES

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

Members Present: Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia, Lyn LaCharite, Robert Simons, Andrew Pinto and Ronald Ventura. Chris Landis - absent with notification.

Ronald Ventura seated as a regular voting member.

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting April 7, 2014 - Robert Simons made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2015 with the following corrections: Title should be MINUTES not AGENDA; Cary Garcia not Cary Grant; Regarding the driveway of the proposed business at 379 Providence Road, Mr. Esposito stated it would be directly across the street from NAPA. Motion second by Marybeth Leonard. Motion carried.

3.) Public Commentary - None.

4.) Unfinished Business

a.) Brooklyn Business Association - Robert Simons stated the last meeting on April 27, 2014 at NAPA had very good attendance. The speakers at the meeting were Robert Loomis and his team.

The next meeting is currently be rescheduled due to conflicts.

b.) Business Recognition - Premier Chevrolet was presented the plaque. Members of the Commission and Selectman's office were in attendance for the presentation.

Lyn LaCharite gave a report regarding area properties: D&Z Soda Company has closed; The Bowling Alley is currently be renovated to attract a retail store; The old Savings Institute building has a prospective buyer, Enterprise Rent-A Car.

d.) CERC Training Seminar - Lyn LaCharite reviewed the invitations to this seminar and who is on the invitation list. A phone conference will be done with CERC and Mrs. LaCharite to review what the current status is in Brooklyn and to also inform them what the EDC feels is the strength and weaknesses and what the Commission would like to see happen in the Town . The Commission discussed various strengths and

weaknesses which will be conveyed to CERC such as Current POCD, P&Z Fiscal Report, rewrite of the regulations, communication between land use office and EDC. Weakness would be a full time/part time EDC Coordinator.

Andrew Pinto took the opportunity to commend Lyn LaCharite for all of her work and knowledge as the Chair of the EDC.

5.) New or Other Business

Lyn LaCharite gave a brief report of last month's P&Z Meeting to the Commission.

Discussion was heard regarding the outdated maps in town. Mrs. LaCharite stated that she has contracted with Matt Holmes to update the maps. Leona Mainville, Town Clerk, is working on the map adding roads and other significant information which will be given to Mr. Holmes. Lyn LaCharite is working on obtaining ads for the map to cover the cost. Rick Ives stated that the Town may be able to help defray the cost of these maps as well.

First Selectman, Rick Ives, gave an update on what is happening in the town: The ground breaking for the Putnam Tech Park is on May 6, 2015 at 10:00 am. They also received a grant regarding the Tech Park; The sidewalk going to Wal-Mart is currently contingent upon an archeological study, aquifer study and bicycle study, Jewitt City Savings Bank has given an easement for the sidewalk; The next budget hearing is scheduled for May 20th if approved the Town Meeting will be scheduled for June 6th.

Marybeth Leonard gave a report regarding the statues, two wolves heads, which has been missing for over 30 years.. They are being returned to the town from an auction house. Further discussion was heard.

6.) Adjournment -Robert Simons made a motion to adjourn at 4:31 pm. Ron Ventura second the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier