

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

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REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

MINUTES

1.) Roll Call: Lyn LaCharite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm

Members Present: Lyn LaCharite, Ron Ventura, Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia and Chris Landis. Robert Simon absent with notification, Andrew Pinto absent without notification.

First Selectman, Rick Ives. Brooklyn resident, Aaron Kerouack

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 5, 2014 - Marybeth Leonard made a motion to accept the August 5, 2014 Minutes as presented. Second by Cary Garcia, motion carried.

3.) Brooklyn Apartments Presentation - Tom Dziki made a presentation for a proposed text amendment change to the Planned Commercial Zoning regulations on behalf of Townsend Development Associates. The change would allow Multi-Family Apartment Complexes in the PC Zone. In addition the height for multi-family to be the same as the current PC regulations allowing for three story buildings. Townsend Associates currently owns property in the Planned Commercial Zone behind CVS and The Savings Institute. They plan to construct one and two bedroom apartments with a maximum of 60 units. Townsend has been unsuccessful in selling this property and believes there is a need for additional housing for young professionals in the area. They will submit their proposal to Planning and Zoning at the September 3, 2014 meeting. EDC members asked questions of Mr. Dziki concerning the project and will discuss this proposal at their October meeting to include two commission members that were absent from this meeting.

4.) Public Commentary- Aaron Kerouack questioned whether the proposed use would contribute to economic development.

5.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association -Lyn LaCharite updated the commission about the Car Cruise schedule for September 28, 2014. The Cruise will be presented by the BBA and Tri-State Cruisers and hosted By Wal-Mart. Several businesses are sponsoring the event, Wal-Mart and other food vendors will provide food for the event.

b.) Online Business Directory- This information has been updated for the new website which will go live September 12, 2014

5.) New or Other Business -

Lyn informed the commission that she will be attending the NEDAS Conference in Worcester on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

7.) Adjournment - Motion by Chris Landis to adjourn at 4:45 pm. Second by Cary Garcia, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn M. LaCharite, Chair