

The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

Chairperson, Lyn LaCharite
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Meeting the First Tuesday of every month @ 7pm at the
Clifford B Green Memorial Center

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 7:00 PM
at the TOWN HALL

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Minutes

1.) Roll Call - Lyn LaCharite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Chris Landis, Marybeth Leonard, Robert Simons and Andrew Pinto. Absent with notification, Alternate Ronald Ventura

2.) Seating of Alternates - None

3.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, Tuesday December 4, 2012 - Robert Simons made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2012 as presented. Second by Chris Landis. Motion carried.

4.) Public Commentary - None

5.) Correspondence - CERC will be holding a Regional Marketing Program at NECCOG on 1/10/13 at 2:00 pm. Marybeth Leonard will attend this meeting and report back.

Northeast Economic Partnership - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) holding a meeting on January 29th at the Ashford Town Hall at 9 am. Lyn LaCharite will attend the meeting and will report back.

Melissa Bradley - Selectman Secretary has sent a monthly budget update to the Commission for review.

6.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association Update - Approximately 240 applications have been sent out for the business association. The next Brooklyn Business Association (BBA) meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at The Barn at Greymare Hill at 630 pm.

b.) Welcome Sign Update - The sign has not been installed due to the weather. Mrs. LaCharite will contact the highway department to see if they can install it due to the break in the weather.

7.) New Business

a.) Family Fun Day 2013 - Tentative schedule for the next meeting is February 26 at 7pm. Cheryl and Al Sandholm will continue to be on this committee. First discussion of the Committee will be of the prior proposed 5k race and if they would like to have this event this year.

b.) 2013 Goals - Involvement in BBA - The BBA will need support, mailings, startup ideas for a specific event i.e.: weekend visits to various businesses, similar events like the Fall Festival etc.

The Commission next discussed the idea of business road signs similar to Killingly and Canterbury. Lyn LaCharite will look into this further and report back.

8.) Other Business - Marybeth Leonard continues her work cleaning up the area around the new Brooklyn sign at Day Street and Route 6. She is going to speak with Rudy Reznikewicz about a planter or two for this area.

Andrew Pinto gave a brief overview of the status of the Quebec Square 21 unit building that is boarded up and barricaded. He visited the site and spoke with a few area residents. He feels this building should be opened up for use and should not be closed down. Lyn LaCharite told Mr. Pinto to contact the housing authority chairman to discuss this issue further.

Lyn LaCharite would like to look into working on a map that outlines all the businesses in Brooklyn. She would like to put this as a goal for the next fiscal year.

Andrew Pinto asked Lyn LaCharite about South Main Street regarding the change in zoning for businesses from one side of the street to the other. Lyn LaCharite will speak with Carlene Kelleher about this.

9.) Adjournment - Marybeth Leonard made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Chris Landis second the Motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk