

# 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

## REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 7:00 PM

## Minutes

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

Members in attendance: Chris Landis, Marybeth Leonard, Robert Simons, Andrew Pinto, Ronald Ventura (Alternate) and Lyn LaCharite.

2.) Seating of Alternates - None

3.) Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting June 11, 2013 – Bob Simons made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented with the following correction: Ronald Ventura made the statement that the sidewalks should be "from Wal-Mart to the existing sidewalk". Marybeth Leonard second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4.) Pubic Commentary - None

5.) Correspondence – There has been an application presented to the Town from Jean Hebert, Editor Department of Economic and Community Development. There will be signage on 395 which will be listing area business near their corresponding exists. A criteria needs to be met. (Brooklyn Fair, Bison Farm and other similar businesses etc.) New Land Use Officer, Jana Roberson has spoken with Lyn LaCharite and is very excited to work with the EDC on various projects.

6.) Unfinished Business:

a.) Business Association - The last meeting was at The Barn on July 16, 2013. A Fun After Five event will be held at Carmel Osterland's on September 12, 2013 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The next scheduled meeting is set for August 20, 2013 at Grey Mare Farm.

b.) Planters – An anonymous donor has given the Town planters which have been placed in front of the signs on Route 6. Hart's has donated the flowers.

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## 7.) New Business:

### a.) Review of Rules and Procedures:

Marybeth Leonard discussed with the Commission the idea of changing the meeting time from 7:00 pm on Tuesday to 4:00 pm.

Motion was made by Marybeth Leonard to have the Economic Development Meeting start at 4:00 pm beginning Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Motion second by Andrew Pinto. Motion carried unanimously.

### b.) and Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Robert Simons nominated Lyn LaCharite as Chair to the Economic Development Commission.

Lyn LaCharite accepted.

A motion was made by Robert Simons to approve. Second by Marybeth Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

Marybeth Leonard nominated Robert Simons as Vice-Chair to the Economic Development Commission.

Robert Simons accepted.

A motion was made by Marybeth Leonard to approve. Second by Chris Landis. Motion carried unanimously.

Marybeth Leonard nominated Andrew Pinto as secretary to the Economic Development Commission.

Andrew Pinto accepted.

A motion was made by Marybeth Leonard to approve. Second by Robert Simons. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Business Recognition for new business – On Thursday, August 8, 2013 the EDC will present plaques to Sweet Cheeks Yogurt and Cary's Grants.

8.) Other Business - The remaining balance left over in the EDC's budget at the end of the fiscal year has been turned back to the General Fund for the Town of Brooklyn.

Lyn LaCharite told the Commission that she has spoken with the new Land Use Officer about various subjects the EDC has concerns about. One issue is the South Main Street area and the need for it to be revitalized and correctly zoned. Ms. Roberson stated she would like to work with the EDC on this project. Carlene Kelleher, Chair of

the PZC, would also like to work with the PZC on these projects as well. Andrew Pinto also mentioned that the Main Street Grant is also an option.

Lyn LaCharite stated that Excalibur Gym will be closing at the end of August. The property has been for sale however they have not been able to sell it.

The next scheduled Town Meeting to decide whether the Probate Court will move to the Clifford Green Building is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew Pinto has spoken with Mr. Parsons regarding the Quebec Square Project. The State has approved the funding and will be working on starting the project.

Troop D will be leaving a blue phone for emergency phone calls when the will be closed in the evenings. There has been discussions of funding a volunteer patrol during these hours. The State will provide a cruiser and radio. Mr. Pinto thought this might be something which could be further discussed.

9.) Adjournment – Robert Simons made a motion to adjourn at 7:50. Marybeth Leonard. Second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier