

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

Tuesday September 3, 2013

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Lyn LaCharite called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1.) Roll Call: Lyn LaCharite, Andrew Pinto, Ronald Ventura, Robert Simons and Chris Landis. Marybeth Leonard absent with notification.

Lyn LaCharite introduced Carrie Garcia, the newest member to the Commission.

2.) Seating of Alternates: Ronald Ventura seated as a regular voting member.

3.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 6, 2013 - Robert Simons made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chris Landis second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4.) Public Commentary -

Lyn LaCharite stated that the Town of Brooklyn did not qualify for a sign on Route 395 as discussed at last month's meeting.

Robert Simons confirmed that next month's meeting will be held at 4:00 pm. Lyn LaCharite confirmed that this is new time for the meeting.

Aaron Kerouack, a Brooklyn resident, was in attendance to view the meeting. He is also a member of the Brooklyn Planning and Zoning Commission and an area Realtor.

5.) Correspondence - None.

6.) Unfinished Business:

a.) Business Association - Last meeting was held on 8/20/13. A silent auction presented by the Last Green Valley called a The Taste of the Valley is scheduled to be held at The Mansion at Bald Hill on September 15, 2013 from 4pm to 7pm. The Association has discussed donating a basket filled with gift certificates from various

Brooklyn businesses, i.e.: Nights stay and breakfast, gift certificate for dinner, artistry, financial services, QuickBooks training, and other similar gift certificates.

b.) Business Recognition - The Commission recently presented Business Recognition plaques to the following business: Sweet Cheeks Yogurt Shoppe; Cary's Grants and Northeast Liquors.

7.) New Business

a.) New Business Openings -

Northeast Liquors had their Grand Opening on September 3, 2013. EDC Members were in attendance before their attendance at their meeting. Gino Auriema was present endorsing his line of wine.

Lyn LaCharite informed the Commission of a new business coming into Town. The old Phiaih Variety on South Main Street is currently being remodeled for a convenient store. Lyn LaCharite has been in contact with the new business owner and expressed that the EDC is available if they need anything.

Mrs. LaCharite also stated that she would like the EDC to be informed when a new business was coming into town so the EDC can contact them and offer their services. She would like to have a better communication with the Town Hall to facilitate this. Further discussion was heard. A letter will be drafted and sent to the Town Hall from the EDC to request notification a new business to the Town.

b.) Wal-Mart Grand Opening - Public Relations for Wal-Mart has tentatively set the Grand Opening for November 1, 2013. Job Applications are being taken at a Killingly location.

8.) Other Business

Aaron Kerouack stated that he has investors interested in land in Brooklyn, however there needs to be a change in the zone. Further discussion regarding this zone and the South Main Street zone was reviewed and how the EDC and PZC need to work together regarding these issues to make it easier for businesses.

Probate Court will be put on the PZC Agenda for September 4, 2013 and if passed then presented to the tax payers for their approval.

9.) Adjournment - Chris Landis made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Lyn LaCharite. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk