

# 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 OCTOBER 1, 2013

### MINUTES

Lyn LaCharite called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Ronald Ventura, alternate, was seated as regular voting member.

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Sept 3, 2013 - Andrew Pinto made a motion to approve the minutes. Ronald Ventura second with the following corrections: New Business Openings: The former Phaiah Variety is located on Tiffany Street; in Other Business a correction to Aaron Kerouack's statements. Mr. Kerouack attended the meeting because he was interested in the process of the EDC in Brooklyn. He was not seeking help or assistance in a zone change. This discussion was more of conversation. He was commenting to the EDC as a citizen.

3.) Public Commentary - Rick Ives stated he was in attendance to hear discussions of the EDC meeting. He has not attended a meeting in quite some time.

4) Correspondence - None

#### 5.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association - The first After Hours was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 101 Business Solutions. Roughly 25 business owners were in attendance. It was discussed and agreed at this meeting that all future After Hour events will have a charge of \$5 per person. This will defray the cost to the business owner hosting the event. The Business Association will pay up to \$100.

Next After Hours is scheduled for October 10, 2013 at 5:30 pm at Anne Marie's Tailored Kitchens located at Jolley Commons on Route 12 in Killingly CT.

b.) Business Recognition - Lyn LaCharite stated they do not have any presentations scheduled for businesses at this time.

Andrew Pinto read a question that Marybeth Leonard asked him to read. She would like to know if there are any recognitions that will be presented to existing businesses. Lyn LaCharite explained that there was no standard that they were adhering to. She further stated that if an existing business has done something special to gain recognition the EDC will present them with a plaque.

## 6.) New Business

a.) CT Main Street Workshop - A workshop regarding "Downtown revitalization" and "what makes a great place" is scheduled for Friday October 25, 2013. Lyn will be unable to attend this meeting she is going to contact Commission Member, Carrie Grant, to see if she would like to attend. Andrew Pinto stated he would go with her if she attends.

b.) P&Z Planning Meeting - Ronald Ventura reviewed the most recent Planning and Zoning meeting that he attended. The Commission did not have a quorum so it was not held as a formal meeting, however Land use Director, Jana Roberson gave a presentation of what she would like to see as new Design Standards for Zoning Regulation Section 3.4.9.10. and recommended the PCZ review these. (Mr. Ventura provided a copy of this proposal for the EDC Commission to review). Mr. Ventura stated that he recommended many of these items.

Lyn LaCharite suggested that the EDC members look at these changes and a discussion can be held at the next scheduled meeting. If they feel it is worth the change, they can send a letter endorsing these to the PZC.

c.) PC Zone Sign regulation - Jana Roberson, Land Use Officer, sent a letter to all businesses on Route 6. Lyn LaCharite was copied on this letter. The letter reviewed the current regulations for signage along Route 6. Ms. Roberson asked businesses to remove the signs that do not adhere to these regulations. She further stated that if a business does not remove these signs further action will be taken.

## 7.) Other Business -

Andrew Pinto read a note given to him by Marybeth Leonard. She wanted the Commission to know that the flowers in the planters on Route 6 have been donated by Harts. The Commission would like to recognize Harts for the contribution.

Lyn LaCharite stated the following:

Wal-Mart will have their grand opening on November 1, 2013. The EDC is invited to attend this opening. Lyn LaCharite will provide further information once she receives it from Wal-Mart.

NECCOG transportation will be providing transit to Ocean State Job Lot and also Wal-Mart.

The Probate Court was again denied placement at the Green Building by the citizens of Brooklyn. They will be looking at other places in Town along with other areas in Putnam and other surrounding towns.

8.) Adjournment - Robert Simons made a motion to adjourn at 4:35 pm. Ronald Ventura second the motion

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk