

# 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, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM  
at the Clifford B Green Memorial Center

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## Minutes

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

Present - Cheryl Sandholm, Chris Landis, Lyn LaCharite, Andrew Pinto and Ronald Ventura. Robert Simons absent with notification.

2.) Seating of Alternates - Ron Ventura for Robert Simons.

3.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 7, 2012 - Motion by Cheryl Sandholm to approve the minutes, Second by Chris Landis. Lyn LaCharite added the following corrections: Budget Review - \$6,700. - \$500 to Family Fun Day not Clerk; Also Robert Simons volunteered to help with the brochures along with Chris Landis and Andrew Pinto. Motion carried.

4.) Public Commentary - None.

5.) Correspondence - CEDAS - Lyn LaCharite has received a notice that they will be discounting dues this year and would like to include the entire EDC Commission. She will add their email address to this program. They promote economic development within the State. The Commissioners should now receive emails throughout the year from CEDAS.

6.) Unfinished Business

a.) Brochures - This has been given to the Printing Company. Four businesses have been removed. Eight new businesses are added. New pictures of being changed within the brochure. The Printer will honor the \$2,650 budget.

b.) Business Association Meeting - A meeting has been scheduled at Hank's for March 20, 2012 at 4:00. Ten local businesses are attending. Browning & Browning, Cardinals, Courtesy Ford, Golden Lamb (tentative), Tailored Kitchens, Napa, Carla Demers, Osterland, Joan Chenelle from Citizens National and Brooklyn Builders. EDC Commissioners are invited.

c.) Budget - The budget has been submitted for \$7,500. This is an increase of \$700. from last year. The Commission has not decided on their projects for the

upcoming year and in the past they have had a surplus, however this year they will not due to the sign and brochure. Further discussion was heard regarding another sign at the other end of Town and potential projects.

d.) Fun Day - Next meeting is Thursday March 22, 2012. Lyn LaCharite has been asked to contact politicians to see if they would attend. She has contacted Nancy Wyman and will go through the proper channels to try to procure her attendance. Rudy Pauls also contacted Mrs. LaCharite and would like to organize a 5k race. He will get his own sponsorship.

d7.) New Business

a.) EDC Goals for 2012/2013 - Sign at the other end of Town. Work on the website to make it more user friendly. Schedule the EDC meeting during the day at 4:00 pm rather than in the evening. Further discussion ensued regarding these goals.

8.) Other Business - Andrew Pinto reviewed his attendance at the CT Office of the Arts Public Forum on February 14, 2012. This was well attended. The Arts and EDC have been combined on the State level. The EDC has been given most of the funding. He expressed that the EDC in the State is very active.

Lyn LaCharite was contacted by Ed Berthiame, of B's Liquors, regarding the proposed Sunday liquor store opening in Connecticut. Mr. Berthiame is concerned about the proposal of one liquor license for every 2500 residents. He is currently looking into a text amendment whereby an liquor store/establishment/license could not be opened within a certain amount of space of another liquor store/establishment/license. The Commission discussed this. He is looking for support. Mrs. LaCharite explained to Mr. Berthiame the steps that he would need to take and told him he could give a presentation before the Commission and ask for their endorsement once he has his text amendment drafted

9.) Adjournment - Motion by Chris Landis to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; Second by Cheryl Sandholm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier