

The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

Chairperson, Lyn LaCharite

(860)774-6045

Meeting the First Tuesday of every month @ 4pm at
Clifford B Green Memorial Center

Special Meeting

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 4:00 PM
at the Clifford B Green Memorial Center

Special Meeting Minutes

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2012 SEP 12 P 12:09
RECORDED VOL. PAGE
Brooklyn
TOWN CLERK, BROOKLYN, CT

1.) Roll Call: Lyn LaCharite, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

Present: Ronald Ventura, Andrew Pinto, Robert Simons, Lyn LaCharite and Marybeth Leonard. Absent without notification, Chris Landis.

Lyn LaCharite welcomed Marybeth Leonard to the Commission.

2.) Seating of Alternates - None

3.) Approval Of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 7, 2012. Robert Simons made a motion to approve the minutes. Lyn LaCharite made a motion to second. Robert Simons would like to see the statement "further discussion ensued" expanded upon within the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4.) Public Commentary - None

5.) Correspondence - None

6.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association Update - Lyn LaCharite reviewed the meeting which was held at Marybeth Leonard's home with 10 business owners in attendance. A few people have stated they would take the role as an Officer or a member of the Board of Directors. They will use the bylaws from the Putnam Business Association as a template. Mrs. LaCharite feels there were a of good discussions and ideas at this meeting. Further discussion regarding the next meeting will be discussed under New Business.

b.) Business / Garden Club Recognition - Business recognition plaques were presented by members of the EDC and Brooklyn Selectmen to the following businesses: The Barber Shop, A Pet Spa, Distinguished Designs and LTD Wellness Center. The Commission also had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new sign on Route 6 and also recognized the Garden Club for the donation of flowers planted at the sign.

7.) New Business

a.) New Welcome Sign/ Beautification – Lyn LaCharite suggested placing a Welcome to Brooklyn sign at the opposite end of Route 6. She asked the Commission for any ideas where they should place the sign. The Commission discussed different areas along Route 6 which may be suitable. Mrs. LaCharite will drive along Route 6 to get a better idea and report back to the Commission next month.

b.) Main Street Grant - Austin Tanner informed Lyn LaCharite that he is applying for this Grant regarding the sidewalks from the Shell Station to Wal-Mart.

c.) October Business After Hours - The next meeting will be scheduled in October at Meadow Stone Farm owned by Denise Noiselle. Lyn LaCharite has spoken with Ms. Noiselle and she is very enthusiastic about having the meeting at her business.

d.) Upcoming Fall Events: TLGV Festival Historical Society's Fall Festival, Pumpkin Festival - Last Green Fall Festival scheduled for September 28, 29 and 30th at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds. Fall Festival scheduled for Columbus Day weekend. Pumpkin Festival scheduled for October 15th and 16th.

e.) Wal-Mart Groundbreaking - Groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for September 9 at 9:00 am. Lyn LaCharite stated that Don Williams and Mike Alberts are slated to be in attendance. Commission members from Inland Wetlands, Planning & Zoning and Economic Development have been invited to the event along with Town Selectman and other persons involved with the process of bringing Wal-Mart into Brooklyn.

Ronald Ventura commented on the vacant building along Route 6 next to the property where Wal-Mart is currently being built. He asked if there is a blight ordinance in Brooklyn or something that can be done regarding this property. The house is falling apart and dangerous. Lyn LaCharite stated that currently the Town does not have a blight ordinance.

8.) Adjournment - Motion by Robert Simons to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 pm. Second by Lyn LaCharite. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier