

# 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 AUGUST 5, 2014

### MINUTES

1.) Roll Call: Lyn LaCharite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Members Present: Lyn LaCharite, Bob Simons, Andrew Pinto, Ron Ventura, Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia and Chris Landis.

First Selectman, Rick Ives.

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting June 3, 2014 - Marybeth Leonard made a motion to accept the June 3, 2014 Minutes as presented. Second by Bob Simons. Motion carried unanimously. NOTE: A correction to Item # 3, third paragraph, "Ron Ventura mad a motion..." Should be "made a motion".

3.) Public Commentary - None.

4.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association - At the most recent regular meeting there was a lot of discussion regarding getting involved in events. Discussion regarding Spooky Nights and the possibility of giving away treat bags at this event, which would allow for businesses to have their names put on these bags for \$20. They will also help the Historical Society with the food for this event. Other discussions for events were a car cruise. Lyn LaCharite has had discussions with Tristate Cruisers. Wal-Mart will allow the use of their parking lot for this event. Another meeting regarding this is scheduled at Hanks tonight (8/5/14). The Whole In The Wall Gang will be the beneficiary of this event. The event will be scheduled for a Sunday in September. Robert Simons suggested the idea of a split for the benefit with the Town of Brooklyn such as the Recreation Department. Lyn LaCharite will convey his suggestion at the meeting.

b.) Putnam Tech Park - Rick Ives reviewed the meeting of the Selectmen and their decision to purchase a 20% interest in the Tech Park. A public forum is scheduled for August 13, 2014 along with discussions regarding the discontinuance of Tatnic Hill Road. The BOF and BOS recently voted to purchase the two shares. Lyn LaCharite asked if the money that Brooklyn is using for this purchase would be better off used for a business in town that could benefit from it. Mr. Ives reviewed the approximate amount of money they will spend with a bond rate of 2.5%. He feels this will have a good return. Ron Ventura feels this will create a revenue stream for the Town. Chris Landis asked how Mr. Ives felt about the possibility that these lots will just sit there and not sell/lease. Mr. Ives feels they are ahead of the game and the location of lots they

are getting involved in are prime. This area is being marketed as light industrial. He has also been told that there are businesses interested in this area.

#### 5.) New Business

a.) Review of Rules and Procedures. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Rob Simons moved to nominate Lyn LaCharite as Chair of the Economic Development Commission. Marybeth Leonard second the motion. All in favor.

Lyn LaCharite moved to nominate Robert Simons as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Commission. Chris Landis second the motion. All in favor.

Andrew Pinto moved to nominate Cary Garcia as Secretary of the Economic Development Commission. Robert Simons second the motion. All in favor.

b.) Website Review - Lyn LaCharite met with the new website developer. She has updated the member list. Rick Ives stated that they hope to be live by 9/1/14. He invited all members to take advantage of the subscriber list.

#### 6.) Other Business

Rick Ives informed the Commission that they will be working on updating the planning and zoning regulations.

Andy Pinto stated the application has been submitted regarding the Brooklyn Housing Authority. Funding for this project will be increased.

7.) Adjournment - Motion by Chris Landis to adjourn at 4:28 pm. Second by Cary Garcia. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk