

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, February 5, 2013 7:00 PM
at the Clifford B Green Memorial Center

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MINUTES

1.) Roll Call - Acting Chair, Robert Simons, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Marybeth Leonard, Chris Landis, Robert Simons, Andrew Pinto and Ronald Ventura. Lyn LaCharite absent with notification

2.) Seating of Alternates - Ronald Ventura is seated as a voting member

3.) Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting Tuesday January 8, 2013 - Marybeth Leonard moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Chris Landis. Unanimous.

4.) Public Commentary - Marybeth Leonard informed the Commission of the passing of Terry Browning on Saturday, February 2, 2013. A celebration of her life will take place at the Preston Congregational Church on February 16th.

5.) Correspondence - None.

6.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association Update - Robert Simons reviewed the minutes of the BBA. Current treasury of \$975. The Membership is growing. They have been discussing the development of a "Brooklyn Bounce" which would bring businesses together. The Executive Committee will have their next meeting on February 6, 2013 at Rene Comtois' office and the Membership Committee is set to meet the second week in February at Robert Simon's office.

b.) Welcome Sign - This has been installed on the West side of Route 6 in Brooklyn.

c.) Family Fun Day - Next scheduled meeting is February 27, 2013.

d.) Road Signs for Businesses - Robert Simons stated that Lyn LaCharite will be speaking with Tom Rukstella regarding this issue and also there needs to be

discussions with the State regarding the protocol for these types of signs on State Roads.

e.) South Main St Update - Ronald Ventura commented that the last time he attended the Planning and Zoning Meeting he felt they were going to leave this issue alone and do not want to take on the task of changing the zone in this area.

f.) Update on Northeast Economic Partnership Meeting - Robert Simons attended this meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the third week in February. There was a lot of discussion regarding renewable energy. The energy grid in the State of Connecticut needs improvement. Mr. Simons reviewed the S.W.O.T. analysis that was performed in this area. (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats).

This started in 2002 and is updated every five years.

g.) Update on NECCOG regional marketing program - Marybeth Leonard reviewed with the Commission what ideas were given at the seminar. Many people participated in this program. She felt it was interesting that the State of Connecticut has Economic Resource Center and feels this is encouraging.

7.) Other Business - Chris Landis pointed out that there is a Town Meeting on March 5, 2013 and suggests we move our next meeting to a different time.

Andrew Pinto made a motion to move the March 5, 2013 EDC Meeting to 6:00 pm. Second by Marybeth Leonard. Motion carried.

Robert Simons stated the budget is currently at \$7,000.00.

Quebec Square - Andrew Pinto informed the Commission that the leadership has changed in the Brooklyn Housing Authority. Bruce Parsons is now the Chairman. Putnam Housing Authority is currently the Landlord of Quebec Square. He will be in contact with the Chairman and get some more information regarding this property.

8.) Adjournment - Motion by Chris Landis to adjourn at 7:45 pm with a second by Andrew Pinto. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier