

The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

Chairperson, Robert Simons

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Members present: Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia, Robert Simons. **Absent with notice:** Chris Landis

Members of the Public of Note: AJ Kerouac, Jeff Gagnon

- 1) Call to order - Robert Simons, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of November minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Leonard and seconded by Mrs. Garcia. All in favor.
- 3) Public Commentary – Mr. Kerouac noted that he is in attendance at EDC meetings as a citizen of the Town and in no way representing P&Z. He also thought it would be beneficial to reach out to CERC again for input. He noted that CERC has a 3-month lead time so they should be contacted soon. Mr. Kerouac also thought it would be beneficial to have the request be a combined effort from EDC and BBA.
- 4) Unfinished Business
 - a) Brooklyn Business Association (BBA) – Mrs. Garcia reported that the BBA is planning to donate a portion of the car cruise proceeds to The Hole in the Wall Gang as it has done in the past. The BBA website was generously re-done by Manny Patel. A welcome packet is still being planned to help welcome new businesses to Town. The packet could be distributed at the plaque presentations offering business owners information on joining the BBA. Officers for 2018 will be as follows: President – Lyn LaCharite, Vice President – Jeanne Morrone, Treasurer – Carla Demers, Secretary – Cary Garcia. The next event will be the holiday part held 12/19 at 5:30 at the Barn at Gray Mare Hill.
 - b) Business Recognition – Mrs. Leonard reports that she is still in need of a budget to move forward with any more plaque presentations.
- 5) Future of EDC
 - a) The discussion of the role of the EDC without a coordinator continued. Mr. Simons mentioned an article in the Norwich Bulletin about Plainfield's new first selectman and the renewed energy and excitement in creating a new EDC in that town. The group discussed ideas for growth in Brooklyn, along with challenges within the Village Center and South Main St. Jeff Gagnon, a citizen of the Town, stated that he may be able to make some contact with individuals he knows at the state level who may be able to do a presentation and help the EDC strategize. Mr.

Gagnon expressed interest in becoming a member of Brooklyn EDC. Mr. Simons will pass his contact information on to the Rick Ives.

- b) Mr. Simons suggested changing the meeting schedule to bi-monthly. A motion was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Garcia. All in favor of bi-monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2018.

- 6) A motion to adjourn was made at 4:55 p.m. by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Garcia. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cary Garcia, Secretary