

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012
7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in the Commission Secretary's Office in the Wolcott Town Hall.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chairman Chris O'Brien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Evans, Edwin Rodriguez, Steve Bosco,
Chris O'Brien, Adam Hadir arrived at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Mulhall, Robyn Mazas

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon **MOTION** by Steve Bosco, seconded by William Evans, it was unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the minutes of the July 2, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Edwin Rodriguez abstained due to absence.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Chris O'Brien said there was a correspondence from the Council of Governments regarding bus service and other transit accessible parcels in Wolcott. He said it is three pages long plus a map of the bus routes that currently exists in Wolcott.

IV. PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were no Public Requests at this time.

At this time Adam Hadir arrived at 7:05 p.m.

V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Sub-Committee reports at this time.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. WhyWolcott.org Website

Chris O'Brien said it has been several months since this commission has met and he has received an email from Domain's International. He said he believes we were dealing with two services, one was Domain and one was a Domain service that owned whywolcott.org. He said we were trying to hold onto the two sites for marketing purposes while at the same time moving all the information for the commission to the town website. It was stated there was a bid process at one point and Chris O'Brien said he put in a bid of \$100.00 and he hasn't received any correspondence regarding this but he is going to contact them to try and talk them down from the \$100.00.

Upon **MOTION** by Edwin Rodriguez, seconded by Steve Bosco, it was unanimously voted to spend up to \$100.00 to purchase the "whywolcott.org" domain name.

Chris O'Brien said that he and Adam Hadir have been working on the language, spelling, etc. for the website and when ready they can give it to the town web designer. He said the next phase was developing the business directory and it was discussed back in July. Steve Bosco said the assessor's office can break down the listing into precise categories and he believes that next year whoever is not paying personal property taxes their names would be removed from the list. Edwin Rodriguez said we are buying the whywolcott.org name and was wondering if the whywolcott.com name was available. Chris O'Brien doesn't recall why we let that name go but believes it is still available. Edwin Rodriguez said he feels that the whywolcott.com is more important and .com is more looked into for searches than .org. Steve Bosco said to look into which domain name is cheaper and decide from there. A brief discussion followed as to whether whywolcott.com was still available and Adam Hadir said it was not. There was a brief discussion on how the town charter works if looking to sign a yearly contract for the domain name verses a five year contract and it was stated that if signing a contract for more than one year it would need Town Council approval. Chris O'Brien said that this should be researched first and discussed at next month's meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Growth Potential in Town

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Chris O'Brien said at the last meeting there was discussion regarding industrial space that might be available, the old Grilley Road project, a sign outside the industrial park, etc. He said he has maps of the Grilley Road project but has not had a chance to look at them. He said the bus routes (letter from C.O.G.) is an interesting topic and last year he spoke to Dave Kalinowski about the cost to build sidewalks in town and was told it would be expensive. Steve Bosco said if you are talking about sidewalks on Meriden Road or Wolcott Road you wouldn't be able to do anything as those are state roads. There was a brief discussion regarding the general commercial and industrial zoned properties that are available on Meriden Road. Steve Bosco said the problem is we do not have an economic coordinator or resources from the town to move forward. He said maybe we can identify a track of land that would be suitable and attractive for industrial development and then work with the town and state to get grant money to develop it as a town industrial park. He said we need to look into something because we are not gaining development in town as far as industrial or commercial we are losing it. Edwin Rodriguez said when a new building is going in what can be done to make sure it is aesthetically appealing and Steve Bosco said unless you have like a 20 year plan of an architectural design that you want to see happen you cannot enforce it. There was a brief discussion regarding how to go about changing the regulations, if possible, to control the architectural designs for new and remodeled businesses. Steve Bosco said the commission needs to have a talk with the Mayor in regards to having him and state legislatures, etc. on board with the possibility of developing an industrial park to bring new businesses to town if the opportunity arises.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was stated to keep the website on the agenda

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by William Evans, seconded by Edwin Rodriguez, it was unanimously voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chris O'Brien, Chairman
Economic Development Commission

Edna Henderson, Recording Secretary
Economic Development Commission