

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014  
6:30 P.M., UPSTAIRS FOYER**

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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**

Chairperson Mary Kelly called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terry Mulhall, Dave Grant, Sean Hughes, Richard Mansfield, Greg Dandio, Mary Kelly

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robyn Mazas

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Dave Grant, it was unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the minutes of the 8/4/2014 Regular Meeting

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no Correspondences at this time.

**IV. PUBLIC REQUESTS**

There were no Public Requests at this time.

**V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Small Business Development**

Sean Hughes did not have anything to report at this time.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. On-Line Business Directory and Print Version**

Dave Grant said at this point it is about giving the platform publicity in order to get people to use this. He said we should put something in the Wolcott Community

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News and we can also add a link to the town website for it to be accessed. He said he would email the link to the Commission members so they can see what is there currently. Dave Grant said we would need to get something to the Community News by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to get it in the next month's edition. He said he would work with Mary Kelly to get a release out to them. Mary Kelly said we should get this information to the Chamber of Commerce for additional publicity along with the Exchange Club.

**2. Discussion on Property next to Golf Course**

Mary Kelly said she and Richard Mansfield met with the Assessor and did get some additional information regarding this property. She said she also met with Bob Larson who said you could not build houses on the vacant lots as this was open space through a grant. She said they reviewed a map that Bob had that showed the hilly terrains, slopes, etc. Again, there was a lengthy discussion amongst the members as to what can be done with this land. They talked about ball fields, driving range, a third party purchase, a walking trail, etc. Richard Mansfield stated that a lot of the land is not usable and the Farmingbury Golf Commission wants to keep part of lot C, which is the best part of the two parcels. There was discussion regarding the possibility of getting money from the town to possibly develop something there but you would probably need water and sewer there also. Mary Kelly said someone expressed interest in developing a ball field there, ideas are great but they have to be realistic, is this really a workable piece of land. She said they have spent hours looking into what can be done with this land and have come up with nothing feasible at this time. Richard Mansfield said you really have to prioritize and this is on the bottom as the town does not have any money to invest for this property. Greg Dandio said is there a need for ball fields and at what cost, continuing maintenance costs, etc. Greg Dandio said when discussions first got going on this the Mayor said there was money to do a feasibility study but do not know if that money is still available. Dave Grant said that maybe you could do a zip line park as you would not have to really develop the land to do so. There was a question about what the liability to the Town of Wolcott would be on something like this.

A **MOTION** was offered by Sean Hughes to **TABLE** this until the funding issue with the Town is resolved and it was seconded by Richard Mansfield. Discussion followed with Greg Dandio saying his recommendation would be to have the Chairperson have a conversation with the Mayor first to let him know that we are going to table this at the next meeting unless something comes up that shows we can do something with the land and give him the opportunity to respond to us. At this

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time both Sean Hughes and Richard Mansfield withdrew their motion. Richard Mansfield said you also have to find out if this was a grant or a bonding project and if it was a grant you will need to find out the restrictions if a third party was to get involved.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion on a Wolcott Informational Packet**

Mary Kelly said she went to Paw's and Claw's, a new business in town and they stated they are having a hard time getting people to know they exist as they are not very noticeable from the road. She went on to say that we talked about having a video made about the town, businesses, etc., but what if we had visited Paw's & Claw's when they first opened and introduced ourselves to them to let people know we are here to help in any way we can. Richard Mansfield said that year's ago the Chamber of Commerce used to do that. Mary Kelly said the informational packet is something we should work on the next couple of months and maybe Mike Bruce can make the video. Mary Kelly had a booklet (from CNV Economic Profile 2013) and she said in our booklet it should have our population, schools, industries, Wolcott's history, etc. She said once we get all the information together then we can move forward with the video. Terry Mulhall said he believes that there was a report a few years back that was brought before the Commission that had the demographics and history of Wolcott and he was going to see if he could find that report. Dave Grant was going to see if he could locate that old booklet and then we can work off of that. Greg Dandio said a lot of demographic information is available on line but there was also a data person at a C.O.G. meeting that was a wealth of information and he could probably put us in the right direction. Mary Kelly said she would contact C.O.G. and see if she could get the contact information for him and try to get him to one of our meetings. There was a discussion as to when they would like to have this project completed by and Sean Hughes said we have to get the data first and go from there and it may take a few months to get approval after that. Greg Dandio said we should do some research first and review what we have at the next meeting and then put a time line on completion.

**VIII. UPDATE ON WOLCOTT BUSINESSES AND POTENTIAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**1. Discussion on Potential Florist / Bookstore**

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**IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Mary Kelly said she would give the Commission the results from her discussion with the Mayor on the property next to the Golf Course and we would continue the discussion on the Wolcott Informational Packet.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Richard Mansfield, it was unanimously voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Mary M. Kelly, Chairperson  
Economic Development Commission

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Edna Henderson, Recording Secretary  
Economic Development Commission