

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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

Vice Chairman Greg Dandio called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Mulhall, Dave Grant, Sean Hughes, Greg Dandio, Robyn Mazas arrived at 6:40 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Mansfield, Mary Kelly

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Dave Grant, it was unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Rescheduled Organizational and Regular Meeting on 2/10/2014.

Terry Mulhall abstained due to absence.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

It was stated there was a correspondence from C.O.G.C.N.V. regarding a meeting on understanding your region's economy on March 20, 2014 for anyone that is interested in going to let Edna know so she can rsvp for seats. Greg Dandio said he would attend with Mary Kelly.

IV. PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were no Public Requests at this time.

V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Sub-Committee Reports at this time.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. On-Line Business Directory and Print Version

Dave Grant said he spoke with Chris O'Brien to see where he was at as far as getting the names, addresses and contact person for the businesses in town and Chris said he was working off of an older list that the previous Commission used to follow up with those businesses listed to see if they were still open, etc. Dave Grant said there was also talk about running an ad in the Wolcott Community News for next month to reach out to businesses to get contact information, etc. Greg Dandio asked if we would have to pay for advertisement and Dave Grant said he would check into it and get back to him.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Greg Dandio said we do not have any items specifically under New Business but we do have information on the land next to the golf course that he would like to discuss.

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Terry Mulhall, it was unanimously voted to **ADD** to the agenda **Discussion on property next to the Golf Course.**

Greg Dandio said that Mary Kelly met with the Mayor to get some of his ideas and to share some of this Commission's ideas for moving forward over the next two year period. Greg said the Mayor shared with Mary that he was interested in this Commission exploring the development of the land next to the golf course. Greg said Mary Kelly inquired with the Assessor's Office for some history and she asked that we put this out for discussion tonight and continue with more discussion at the next meeting. Greg Dandio said the discussion revolved around doing exploratory work to see if it is feasible to develop the land in some way that would serve the town for recreational/athletic type well-being, whether it be a track and/or building that would have basketball courts, etc. Greg Dandio said he believes there is ledge involved and also a portion of the property that is kind of steep. Sean Hughes asked if this would be under Park & Recreation (Commission) and Greg Dandio said the Mayor feels it would start with us as Economic Development and potentially would be revenue for the town. Greg Dandio said the Mayor felt it would be a good starting point for us and then at some point, during or after development, the control would shift over to Parks & Rec and Acquired Facilities. It was stated that Mary Kelly said she there was an evaluation done years ago on the property and she was

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hoping that report would become available for us. Greg Dandio said should there be any possibility to develop then the next step would be some type of feasibility study.

At this time Greg Dandio said he was looking for a motion to add to the agenda discussion about bringing a pet store into town. It was stated that it should be discussed under item VIII below, "Update on Wolcott Businesses and Potential Business Development".

VIII. UPDATE ON WOLCOTT BUSINESSES AND POTENTIAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Greg Dandio said that in conversations with Mary Kelly she had an idea about bringing a pet store into town. He said that the pet store on the Waterbury/Wolcott line will be moving further into Waterbury. Greg Dandio said in conversations with Mary Kelly he didn't believe that we would get a national pet store to open in Wolcott but there are smaller pet stores in town. Greg Dandio said personally living in town and being a pet owner he is not looking forward to driving down to the mall area every time he needs a bag of dog food. He said he didn't know how feasible a pet store would be or how the community would support it but thinks it is worthy of discussion. It was stated that Mary Kelly thought the pet store would be a good idea because of the dog park that will be going in. There was a brief discussion regarding the new "Dollar General" store going in on Wolcott Rd. and how it would bring jobs into town.

IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Greg Dandio said we will keep on the agenda the On-Line Business Directory, Discussion on land next to golf course as well as the Pet Store option.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Robyn Mazas, it was unanimously voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Greg Dandio, Vice-Chair
Economic Development Commission

Edna Henderson, Recording Secretary
Economic Development Commission