

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 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 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Grant, Sean Hughes, Richard Mansfield,
Mary Kelly, Robyn Mazas arrived at 6:39 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Mulhall, Greg Dandio

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Dave Grant, it was unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the minutes of the 4/7/2014 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 has not had a chance to look into the land next to the golf course. Richard Mansfield said the he would talk to Bob Larson regarding this. He went on to explain how the land came about and doesn't believe there is much that can be done with this. He will get a topography map and maybe visit the site with other members and go from there.

At this time Robyn Mazas arrived at 6:39 p.m.

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He said he knows that the properties by the lake and on Meriden Rd. that water was put in and he doesn't know if the golf course can get access to that water. Chairperson Kelly said that from research and from sources she said there is a lot of ledge there. Again there was a brief discussion as to whether or not it is feasible to even try and develop the land due to the ledge, etc. Richard Mansfield said he would go over this with Bob Larson and see what we have for frontage that may be buildable and he said it is a very difficult piece of property to develop and it may be extremely costly.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. On-Line Business Directory and Print Version

Dave Grant said not much going on with this. He said Chris O'Brien sent an email a few weeks ago and that he did not hear a response from (4 Biz), the company hosting the site. He said if they are not willing to work with us than he would come up with an alternative plan so we can move along with this.

2. Discussion on Property next to Golf Course

This was discussed above under small business development.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

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

1. Discussion on Potential Pet Store / Florist / Bookstore

Chairperson Kelly said she came up with the thought of pursuing a pet store to open up in town. She said she did go to Petco and Petsmart but the town is too small for their chains to move here. It was stated that there is a new application before Planning and Zoning now for a pet food retail store on Wolcott Rd. She said we are also looking at the possibility of a florist shop to open in town. She said if we can get our local townspeople, (such as the town, the schools, and funeral homes), to support these businesses, that is the goal of this commission. Richard Mansfield said

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this is not a bad idea but the competition from stores like Stop & Shop / Shop Rite is tough. Sean Hughes said he has not done any research as of yet but he was thinking of the possibility of a bookstore and it was said that you should probably combine that with a coffee shop.

IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Chairperson said as far as the next agenda she would like to get the town to know who we are as a Commission and she has asked Roger Picard to take a picture of this Commission for the next meeting. She said she also wants to put together a press release to go along with the picture. After a brief discussion it was decided to do the picture on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. here at the town hall. (We will keep the items on the agenda as is).

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Richard Mansfield, it was unanimously voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mary M. Kelly, Chairperson
Economic Development Commission

Edna Henderson, Recording Secretary
Economic Development Commission