

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014
6:30 P.M., UPSTAIRS FOYER**

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

Chairperson Mary Kelly called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robyn Mazas, Richard Mansfield

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Dave Grant, it was unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the minutes of the 5/5/2014 Regular Meeting

Greg Dandio and Terry Mulhall abstained due to absence.

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 said we do not have a report on the property (Farmingbury Hills) as Richard (Mansfield) was looking into that (and he is absent tonight). It was stated that there was a suggestion about putting up windmills in that area. Terry Mulhall said he is seeing activity going on at the property next to the bowling alleys which has been vacant for a long time. Mary Kelly said another good site is the Lily Lake Inn as the grounds and the facility are beautiful. It was stated that it is up for sale.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. On-Line Business Directory and Print Version

Dave Grant said it looks like he is going solo on this and he will make the form for the On-Line Directory and have it for the next meeting.

Mary Kelly said that a few of the commission members were able to go to the Meet and Greet at the Print Shop and introduce themselves. She said she wants to invite Dan Migliaro, Chamber of Commerce, to one of our meetings to explain the Chambers connection to us.

2. Discussion on Property next to Golf Course

There was no discussion on this as Richard Mansfield was absent and he was working on getting information about this property.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Summer Hours

Mary Kelly wanted to make sure everyone was comfortable with the hours for July and August and it was stated that the meeting hours will remain as is for the summer.

VIII. UPDATE ON WOLCOTT BUSINESSES AND POTENTIAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

1. Discussion on Potential Pet Store / Florist / Bookstore

Mary Kelly said there is a pet store looking to go in at (654) Wolcott Rd. but thought there was an issue with parking and it was stated that overflow parking has been approved to park at 650 Wolcott Rd. She said that there hasn't been any news about a florist shop but she heard rumors about the possibility of a coffee shop on Meriden Rd. She also said she had the opportunity to meet the owner and workers at the New Dollar General store. She said it has everything in the store and is very nice. She said it is like a general store with low price items. She said she gave them her card and told them if they had anything the Commission could help them with to just call. Greg Dandio said he had someone that was interested in opening up a florist but they

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had concerns about Wolcott not being able to generate the revenue to support it. Mary Kelly said if we could encourage the town, the Board of Ed., Funeral Homes etc., to support them then it is possible but she said it would need to be more than just a florist, maybe a craft store, classes for crafting beads, etc.

IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Mary Kelly said she would like to do a welcome to Wolcott packet of some sort and said to add to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. Greg Dandio said that the meeting he went to in Waterbury (C.O.G.) had a very good presentation with respect to demographics, etc. and the fellow that made the presentation may be available to attend one of our meetings to talk to us about the data and how to go about making an informational packet. Terry Mulhall said he remembers a packet of some sort that had all the information about the demographics, types of businesses in town, etc. and it was stated that was probably the Plan of Conservation and Development. It was stated to take off the discussion of summer hours and keep everything else the same.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Sean Hughes, seconded by Greg Dandio, it was unanimously voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mary M. Kelly, Chairperson
Economic Development Commission

Edna Henderson, Recording Secretary
Economic Development Commission