

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission  
Jan. 21, 2016 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr, Roger Tracy, Gloria Smith,  
Absent: Susan Thorner, Lynda Montefusco, Brian Banak, Kate Rietberg  
Also present: First Selectman Melissa Mack, and the Economic Development  
Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of the December 17 meeting; Mr. Tracy moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Smith seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

First Selectman Melissa Mack was present and updated the Commission of recent developments:

- STEAP - The Town has applied for 2 STEAP grants; \$250,000 for opening up the beach area and other site improvements and \$250,000 for Hilltop installation of fire suppression and a second egress.
- Ff Tyler Place - Ms. Mack noted she had discussions with the owner, Mr. Lauren, about Ff Tyler Place, and she has established a relationship with potential developers.
- The Board of Finance had tabled the \$180,000 for Fiber Extension project, funded by the Local Capital Improvement Program grant and placed this project in the 2016-17 ACCE budget review. The Tri Board meeting was successful. We discussed the initial time line for construction and financing of the capital projects. This was a successful meeting. It works well when everyone involved is talking to each other and knowledge is shared.
- The Town Meeting has authorized the sale of property on Bennett Road to L. Corbett, CS Landscapes, Design and Construction. Mr. Corbett is negotiating with WPCA. The property has closed.
- The Library's opening is delayed; we need to address one environmental issue.

#### Director's Report

Light Industrial Development – Mr. McMahon noted that the Utility Extension project design is completed. We can do Phase I, the project is ready to bid. We only have funds to do the first extension.

Four Seasons Farm, located on Poole Road, has made application to the Zoning and Planning Commission to allow 11 acres of greenhouse, for the purpose of growing tomatoes under glass.

We have a FARM TRANSFER Meeting, an event to help farmers address the issue of estate planning, scheduled for Feb. 12, 2016 in Suffield. It will be a half day workshop, from noon to 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.Min.Jan.21.2016