

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
February 29, 2016
Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on February 29, 2016. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. were Gary Vick, John Ziobro, Paul Thulen, and Lee Sandora. Rebecca Romero, Dreux Namnoum, and William O'Neill were absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by John Ziobro to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

Bob Bolduc from Pride Gas Station and Rte 20 property owner Mr. Latonie stopped by to discuss a proposal they have before the PZC to change regulations to allow gas station/convenience stores in the Commerce Park A zone. They explained the way the regulation was crafted it would ensure other gas station would be limited as they would only be allowed to be a certain distance from existing stations and located at lighted intersections.

A motion was made by John Ziobro and seconded by Gary Vick to write a memo to the PZC commission prior to the 3/8/16 public hearing date to support the regulation change as presented by the applicant with the limiting language keeping separation distance and number of potential locations on Rte 20. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for December 21, 2015
- EDC Report for February

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Director of Community Development Gary M. Haynes presented the following activity from the February 2016 Economic Development Report:

A. Pending Projects

Mike Latonie/Pride Gas Station-Have submitted for regulation change to allow for gas station/convenience store in a Commerce Park A zone. Public Hearing is scheduled for 3/8/16.

B. Projects Under Construction

Brignole Winery-113-115 Hartford Ave, taken out building permit to construct 14 k sq ft winery. Building Permit has been issued. Framing complete working on interior/mechanicals.

Z Parking-3 International Dr, taken out building permit to install entrance and exit gates to help improve efficiency of the valet parking.

F&L Construction-9 South Main St, has taken out tenant fitout for 2nd floor dentist office to be changed to (2) one bedroom apartments.

Phillips 66 Gas Station-150 Rainbow Rd, has taken out tenant fitout to expand deli into full restaurant.

Wildlife Control Services-45 Russell Rd, has submitted for building permit to construct 2500 sq foot addition.

C. Recently Completed Projects

Concept One Kitchen and Bath Cabinet-25C South Main St, taken out building permit for tenant fitout.

Elite Baseball-29 Kripes Rd, has taken out tenant fitout to create 6 thousand sq feet of baseball training with small office area.

Reliable Plumbing and Heating-38 Russell Rd, has taken out tenant fitout for a small tenant space.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Bradley Development League

Director of Community Development gave update from BDL. Starting June 2nd the airport is going to start direct flights to LA. Terminal B has finished being demolished. Aer Lingus will start trans-atlantic flight September 2016. BDL consultant studying possible rail connections to the newly proposed high speed rail and the airport has been complete and will be submitted to the BDL Board of Directors on 3/4/16.

B. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by John Ziobro to re-elect the following current slate of officers: Paul Oliva as Chairman, Paul Thulen as Vice Chairman, and Gary Vick as Secretary/Treasurer. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Orton Family Foundation

Tabled

D. Master Concept Plans: Simsbury, Storrs, Avon, and Marlborough

Tabled

E. Economic Development Coordinator

The Board of Selectmen is considering adding a part time position for an Economic Development Coordinator. Position would be for approximately 10 hours a week. Director of Community Development passed out potential job description.

F. Town Website

Tabled

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by John Ziobro to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Haynes
Director of Community Development