

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
June 25, 2018
Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on June 25, 2018. Members present when Vice Chairman Paul Thulen called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.were Bill Evans, Oliver Davis, John Burda, and Gary Vick. Wynter Griffing David Iannucci, and Paul Holjes was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Gary Vick to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

None in attendance

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for May21, 2018
- EDC Report for June

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Director of Community Development Gary M. Haynes presented the following activity from the June 2018 Economic Development Report:

A. Pending Projects

8 Russell Rd-Karen Gaston has applied to PZC to adopt a regulation change to allow for Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Production Facilities. The application was denied by 3 votes in favor and 2 against at the June 12th PZC meeting. The applicant is going to reapply to have the full board of 6 members vote. The Public Hearing will be in August 14th.

54 Floydville Rd-Paines has applied to amend wetland permit to construct detention basins with in the wetland and upland review area. Was approved at the June 6, 2018 IWC Meeting.

103 Hartford Ave-Brignole Vineyards has applied for revised site plan to create additional parking and a regulation change to amend the winery regulations. The Public Hearing will be held on August 14th.

B. Projects Under Construction

133 Hartford Ave-Ted Brown has taken out building permit for tenant fitout to change 900 sq ft of storage space into a heated workshop.

16 International Dr-Solar City has taken out building permit for tenant fitout to create training area.

10 East St-Meadow Shoppes has taken out building permit for tenant fitout to finish off three vacant tenant spaces of approximately 6k sq ft to better attract tenants to lease vacant spaces.

66 Floydville-Michael Termit has taken out building permit for tenant fitout to finish 500 sq ft

7 Airport Park Rd- Taken out building permit for small tenant fitout

181 Rainbow Rd- Took out demolition permit to take down the Hamilton Rec Facilities

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Bradley Development League

Director of Community Development gave a summary of the BDL Target Industry Analysis. Aerospace Manufacturing and Finance/Insurance were the strongest market sectors in the last 5 years. Mr. Haynes went over the final recommendations in the report and asked the commission to read through the document by the next EDC meeting. Mr. Haynes discussed the next steps were for the BDL towns to get together in July to discuss the studies recommendations and discuss how to proceed with Phase II of the study which is how do we market ourselves.

B. Economic Development Coordinator Position

The Town has hired CERC to provide Municipal Services as part time Economic Development Coordinator. The part time person will be available 7.5 hours a week and will start as of July 1st.

C. EDC Meeting Dates

A motion was made by John Burda and seconded by Oliver Davis to approve the revised EDC Meeting Dates as presented by the Director of Community Development. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

D. EDC Article for LTT

John Burda volunteered to put together the first EDC Article for Let's Talk Turkey Newsletter. The commission discussed the idea of highlighting a different manufacturer in each issue. Commission also discussed the idea of writing article to highlight other small businesses in town.

E. Manufacturer Workshop

Bill Evans and Paul Olivia are going to coordinate together to discuss hosting another Manufacturer Workshop. Mr. Haynes explained he is also seeing if the other BDL towns are interested in participating. The contact list for the Manufacturing companies has recently been updated and will be emailed out to the commission.

F. Available Properties: Sites and Buildings

Oliver Davis and Paul Thulen discussed meeting on July 9th at 7pm with David Iannucci if available to split up and prioritize goals for marketing our available sites and buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Bill Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Haynes
Director of Community Development