

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
October 22, 2018  
Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on October 22, 2018. Members present when Secretary Gary Vick called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.were Bill Evans, Oliver Davis, David Iannucci, and Gary Vick. Paul Oliva,Wynter Griffing, and John Burda, was absent.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by David Iannucci to approve the minutes of July 23, 2018. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT**

None in attendance

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- EDC Minutes for July 23, 2018
- EDC Report for October

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Director of Community Development Gary M. Haynes presented the following activity from the October 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 12<sup>th</sup> PZC meeting. The applicant is going to reapply to have the full board of 6 members vote. Was approved at the last PZC 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. Public Hearing has been continued to October PZC Meeting.

17 Kripes Rd-Blind Faith Brewery has applied for regulation change to allow for brewery in the Commerce Park A zone. Public Hearing is scheduled for the October PZC Meeting.

**B. Projects Under Construction**

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

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

**C. Recently Completed Projects**

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.

#### **D. On-Going Business Locations**

MB Aerospace-has received pre approval for Bradley Development Zone tax abatement. Emailed the final application to Michael Greenwald the new general manager.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **A. Lets Talk Turkey Article Highlighting: Small Business**

Nothing to present.

##### **B. Lets Talk Turkey Article Highlighting: Manufacturing Company**

Director of Community Development Gary Haynes reported to the commission that as they are conducting business visitations they are asking companies to provide small write up describing company. The goal is to collect description and put an article in Let's Talk Turkey to communicate the kind of companies we have here in East Granby.

##### **C. Economic Development Municipal Training on September 27, 2018**

Director of Community Development gave brief overview of the EDC Municipal Training that was held at the Country Club in Suffield. The session was well attended by EDC, Finance Board, Land Use Commission, and the Board of Selectmen. Presentation were emailed out for the members who were not able to attend. The presentation focused on demographics and the value of economic development can have on a community.

##### **D. Manufacturer Workshop**

Invites have started to go out for upcoming Manufacturer Workshop on November 1, 2018 from 9:30am to 12pm at the New England Air Museum. Program will consist of opening statement from the DECD Deputy Commissioner Bart Kollen followed by a panel discussion on what's working in manufacturing, what's not, workforce development, bridging the gap, supply chain issues, and the future of manufacturing. The panel leading the discussion will be made up of CEO David Hudson from Joining Technologies, President Dennis Chalk from RSCC, Executive Director Paul Murphy form ACM, Dr. James Lombella from Asnuntuck Community College, Dr. Cliff Thermer from Goodwin College, Professor Michael Accorsi from UConn, and Susan Palisano from CCAT.

##### **E. Business Visitations**

Director of Community Development Gary Haynes gave brief description of recent business visitation and tours that have been conducted since the last EDC Meeting. First Selectmen Jim Hayden, Director of Development Gary Haynes, Economic Development Coordinator Kevin Bielmeier, EDC Chairman Paul Oliva, and EDC Member Bill Evans toured Rockbestos, Nufern, MB Aerospace, and Joining Technologies.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Bill Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:17m. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Haynes  
Director of Community Development