

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
December 17, 2018
Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on December 17, 2018. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.were Bill Evans, Gary Vick and John Burda. David Iannucci, Oliver Davis and Wynter Griffing were absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bill Evans and seconded by Paul Oliva to approve the minutes of November 26, 2018. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

None in attendance

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for November 26, 2018
- EDC Report for December 17, 2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Gary Haynes, Director of Community Development and Economic Development Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier, presented the following activity from the December 2018 Eco-Dev Report:

A. Pending Projects

8 Russell Rd-Karen Gaston Special Exception was approved to locate a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 38 Russell Rd. Application was approved at the November 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. PZC approved the regulation change at the November PZC Meeting.

17 Kripes Rd-Blind Faith Brewery has applied for regulation change to allow for brewery in the Commerce Park A zone. PZC approved the regulation change at the November PZC Meeting. Goal is to open in February 2019.

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. Membership

Currently there are two vacancies on the ED commission. An article will appear in January's "Let's Talk Turkey" Issue, seeking interest.

B. Let's Talk Turkey Articles

An article will appear re-capping the EDC's Manufacturing, Workforce Development & Education workshop. An article on the EDC's upcoming Small Business Seminars will also appear. Two areas in the newsletter are being planned for spotlights on: Manufacturing and Small Business. Each issue will highlight a company or business for each of these segments. EDC member, John Burda has agreed to help in the writing of these articles. An additional EDC member is sought.

C. Small Business Seminars

Economic Development Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier discussed holding a series of four, small business seminars, jointly with our EDC and Suffield's: (1) Financing – Feb 19th, (2) Marketing – March 19th, (3) Hiring Practices – April 16th, (4) Technology – May 21st.

E. Business Visitations

An updated report on the business visitations (BRE) was provided by Kevin Bielmeier, CERC. First Selectmen Jim Hayden; Director of Community Development, Gary Haynes; ED Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier; EDC Chairman Paul Oliva; and EDC Member Bill Evans have toured 10 companies to date. State Representative, Tami Zawistowski will join us for our next visit: Energy Beam Sciences (EBS) on January 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bill Evans and seconded by Gary Vick to adjourn the meeting at 8:42m. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Haynes
Director of Community Development