

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
January 28, 2019**

Minutes

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on January 28, 2019. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.were Bill Evans, Gary Vick, David Iannucci and Oliver Davis. Also present was: Kevin Bielmeier, Economic Development Consultant. Absent were: Wynter Griffing and John Burda (alternate).

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bill Evans and seconded by Paul Oliva to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018. Four votes were in favor, with one abstention. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

None in attendance

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for December 17, 2018
- EDC Report for January 28, 2019

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Economic Development Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier, presented the following activity from the January 28, 2019 East Granby Development Activities Report:

A. Pending Projects

17 Kripes Rd-Blind Faith Brewery has applied for Special Exception application. Public hearing to be heard on February 19th.

B. Projects Under Construction

3 Turkey Hills Rd- Taken out building permit for tenant fitout for old consignment shop space to open up a Vet Therapy Office.

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

122 Rainbow Rd-Took out building permit for retaining wall to start site work. Building permit was denied and stop work order issued, for lack of information. Now, weather has turned so will need to warm up before work can start back up.

C. Recently Completed Projects

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

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. Small Business Seminars

The EDC of East Granby is holding a series of four, small business breakfast seminars, jointly with Suffield's EDC: (1) Financing – Feb 19th, (2) Marketing – March 19th, (3) Hiring Practices – April 16th, (4) Technology – May 21st. A notice went in the January issue of LTT and in the Suffield Observer. An advertisement flyer is being created by the series sponsor and underwriter: Windsor Federal; e-mail and social media advertising will commence shortly. EDC member **David Iannucci** has been the lead on this offering, utilizing regional partnerships.

B. Membership

Currently, there are two vacancies on the ED commission. A notice appeared in January's LTT issue, seeking interest. Discussion ensued on how to recruit members. A suggestion was made to reach out to the Women's Club of E Granby. ED consultant, Kevin Bielmeier offered to do this. Oliver Davis offered to reach out to member Wynter Griffing to clarify the status of his membership. Clarification on what it means to be an 'alternate' on the commission was raised.

C. Let's Talk Turkey Articles

January's issue featured a re-cap of the EDC's Manufacturing, Workforce Development & Education workshop, and a notice on the upcoming Small Business Seminars. There was discussion on establishing two areas in the newsletter to spotlight: Manufacturing and Small Business. EDC member, Gary Vick offered to make contact with the new business at 3 Turkey Hills Rd. to gather information for a "new business" article for the next LTT.

D. Business Visitations

An updated report on the business visitations was provided by Kevin Bielmeier (CERC). To date, 11 companies have been visited, primarily by: First Selectmen Jim Hayden; Director of Community Development, Gary Haynes; ED Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier; EDC Chairman Paul Oliva; and EDC Member Bill Evan. State Representative, Tami Zawistowski joined us on our last visit: Energy Beam Sciences. Next scheduled visit: Overhaul Support Services on Feb 6th.

E. EDC Meeting Time

A suggestion was raised by ED consultant Kevin Bielmeier regarding changing the start time of the monthly EDC meeting. After a full discussion by all of the members present, a motion was made by EDC member Bill Evans to move the start time to **5:30pm**, effective immediately, for a **maximum of 90 minutes** in duration. The motion was seconded by Gary Vick. All votes were in favor and unanimous. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Bill Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Bielmeier
Economic Development Consultant