

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
February 25, 2019**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on February 25, 2019. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at **5:51p.m.** were Bill Evans, Gary Vick, David Iannucci and Oliver Davis. Also present was: Kevin Bielmeier, Economic Development Consultant. Absent were: Wynter Griffing (resigned) and John Burda (alternate).

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bill Evans and seconded by Gary Vick to approve the minutes of January 28, 2018. Five votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT**

None in attendance

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- EDC Minutes for January 28, 2018
- EDC Report for February 25, 2019

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Economic Development Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier, presented the following activity from the February 25, 2019 East Granby Development Activities Report:

**A. Pending Projects**

17 Kripes Rd-Blind Faith Brewery was approved at the February 19<sup>th</sup> P&Z meeting.

62 Rainbow Rd-Cumberland Farms is now scheduled for the March P&Z meeting.

**B. Projects Under Construction**

3 Turkey Hills Rd- Has taken out building permit for tenant fit-out 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 fit-out.

**D. On-Going Business Locations**

73 Floydville – was approved at the February P&Z meeting to revise their site plan to include 22,000 sf, adjacent to their existing site, for outdoor storage materials.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Small Business Seminars:** The first, on *Financing* was held on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> in East Granby. A video is to be played on local cable access and available online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOffMbMhljU>. The second, on *Marketing*, will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Sunset Tavern, Suffield Country Club. The third, on *Hiring & Technology* will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Copper Hill Inn at 5:30pm. They are free to the public, with RSVP; F&B will be served and a cash bar.

**B. Membership:** Reached out to the Women’s Club of East Granby for a recommendation of some potential EDC candidates. From this, a candidate was recommended who had expressed interest – Laura Namnoun. Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier contacted her, explained the expectations and confirmed her desire to be a candidate. A motion was made by Paul Oliva to put forth her candidacy to the Board of Selectmen for their vote. Bill Evans seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Newspaper Articles:** Deadline for next issue LTT is Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Would like to spotlight a business, as well as advertise the small business seminars. EDC members are encouraged to write and submit articles to LTT prior to the deadline.

**D. Business Visitations:** Our most recent manufacturer that we visited was Overhaul Support Services on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Next scheduled is: Emerson. A goal was put forward for EDC members to visit a small business between this meeting and our next.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by David Iannucci to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Bielmeier  
Economic Development Consultant