

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
May 20, 2019**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on May 20, 2019. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. were David Iannucci, Oliver Davis and Vice-Chairman, Bill Evans. Also present was: Kevin Bielmeier, Economic Development Consultant.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Oliver Davis, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bill Evans, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019 (as there were no minutes from April due to lack of a quorum). Four votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT**

None in attendance

**MEMBERSHIP**

- It was noted that the agenda did not accurately reflect Bill Evans as Vice-Chairman.
- There is a membership vacancy and two vacant alternate openings. Discussion ensued on how best to fill these posts. Communicating that our new meeting time of 5:30pm was suggested as possibly important to securing volunteers for the Commission. A notice did not appear in the most recent issue of Let's Talk Turkey, but we will aim to have it back in the August issue.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- EDC Minutes for March 25, 2019
- EDC Report for May 20, 2019

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Economic Development Consultant, Kevin Bielmeier, touched on some of the highlights of the May 20, 2019 East Granby Development Activities Report and discussion ensued.

**A. Pending Projects**

- 17 Kripes Rd - The brewery is going to come up with a new name and is waiting for their federal and state licenses. They are about to submit their plans to the Town for review.
- 62 Rainbow Rd – The Cumberland Farms application was narrowly approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, with stipulations of traffic calming measures.

**B. Projects Under Construction**

- 42 Russell Rd. – permits have been filed for new construction of a 6,000 s.f. warehouse/office building. This is phase two of three proposed phases on the site.

- 15 D & E International Drive – USA Mechanical has filed building and plumbing permits to expand building D into E.
- 3 Turkey Hills Rd. – a new business, All Creatures Holistic Health, is getting ready to open by the end of the month. They are temporarily located at Horses and Hounds in Granby.

### **C. Available Properties**

- 20 Connecticut South Drive -15,416 SF – FOR SALE - \$995,000 - formerly: Coffee Break. The property is being listed by Sentry Commercial.
- 15 Bradley Park Road – 40,420 SF Warehouse/Distribution Facility – former file storage for AllState Insurance – FOR LEASE \$4.95/SF NNN. Bielmeier said that he toured the location with the listing agent, Kevin Geenty, owner/founder of The Geenty Group.
- 2 Gateway – working with the auction house, Zetabid, to find a suitable buyer or a leasing tenant for an interested investor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Small Business:** The EDC will review a small business survey; make phone calls to their allotted portion of the call list; obtain e-mails and then send them a survey via e-mail.

**B. Newspaper:** In the May issue of LTT there was a business spotlight on Energy Beam Sciences / Lab Pulse Medical. The deadline for next issue LTT is Monday, Aug. 5th.

**C. Business Visitations:** Ongoing visitations will continue, focused on the manufacturing facilities in town, conducting the BDL developed survey.

**D. Galasso Materials** – Their Special Permit was approved for a 5-year extension by P&Z.

**E. Events** – CT Made Day will be held at the State Capitol, Tues. May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6pm.

**F. Tourism** – K. Bielmeier attended the CT Tourism Conference. A suggestion from this event was that towns should market themselves around destinations. Discussion around this idea ensued. A potential branding campaign around New Gate Prison was suggested.

**G. CT-DOA's Hemp Licensing Portal** – May 15<sup>th</sup> a new webpage and online licensing portal for hemp producers and processors was launched, available at [www.ctgrown.gov/hemp](http://www.ctgrown.gov/hemp). Discussion ensued as to what, if any, opportunities this may offer East Granby farmers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Paul Oliva at 7:15pm. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bielmeier

Economic Development Consultant