

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

April 25, 2016

Minutes

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on April 25, 2016. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. were John Ziobro, Dreux Namnoum, and Lee Sandora. Gary Vick, Paul Thulen, and William O'Neill were absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by John Ziobro to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

None in attendance

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for March 28, 2016
- EDC Report for April

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Director of Community Development Gary M. Haynes presented the following activity from the April 2016 Economic Development Report:

A. Pending Projects

Mike Latonie/Pride Gas Station-Have submitted for regulation change to allow for gas station/convenience store in a Commerce Park A zone. Was denied by tie vote at April 12th PZC Meeting.

Town Application-Have submitted for regulation change PZC 16-02 loosening of the permanent farm store regulations and PZC 16-03 to delete gas station as an allowable use by Special Permit from Village Center zone. Was approved at the April 12th PZC Meeting.

Paine's-Lot 8 Flyodville Rd put in for Zone Change from R-30 to CP-B for rear portion of property to be extended to rear property line. Public Hearing scheduled for 5/24/16.

B. Projects Under Construction

Brignole Winery-113-115 Hartford Ave, taken out building permit to construct 14 k sq ft winery. Building Permit has been issued. Framing complete working on interior/mechanicals.

Phillips 66 Gas Station-150 Rainbow Rd, has taken out tenant fitout to expand deli into full restaurant.

Wildlife Control Services-45 Russell Rd, has submitted for building permit to construct 2500 sq foot addition.

C. Recently Completed Projects

Z Parking-3 International Dr, taken out building permit to install entrance and exit gates to help improve efficiency of the valet parking.

F&L Construction-9 South Main St, has taken out tenant fitout for 2nd floor dentist office to be changed to (2) one bedroom apartments.

D. On-Going Business Locations

Checkered Flag Auto-174 Hartford Ave is going to be leasing building for auto repair and sales.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Bradley Development League

Director of Community Development gave brief update on status of BDL. In June BDL is going to be visiting site selectors in Boston and New York to discuss developing in the BDL area. Each town will highlight 3 sites. They will highlight recent developments in area, the airport, proximity to 91, and potential incentives for economic development.

B. Sports Complex Letter

Paul Oliva updated commission on status of Sports Complex letter. In process of sending out 4 to 5 letters to various larger sports complex to gauge interest in expanding in this area. Gary Vick is working on talking to representative from ESPN to gauge interest in expanding in East Granby. Paul Holjes is working on potential prospect interested in developing a sports complex.

C. Orton Family Foundation

Tabled

D. Master Concept Plans: Simsbury, Storrs, Avon, and Marlborough

Mr. Haynes showed the commission details of the Simsbury and Avon Master Concept Plan for their Village Center.

E. Economic Development Coordinator

The proposed budget has been submitted and if approved there is room to entertain highering a part-time Economic Development Coordinator.

F. Town Website

Tabled

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by John Ziobro to adjourn the meeting at 9:12PM. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Haynes
Director of Community Development