

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
September 25, 2017  
Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on September 25, 2017. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.were John Ziobro, Oliver Davis, Gary Vick, Paul Holjes, and Lee Sandora. Paul Thulen, John Burda, and Dreux Namnoum were absent.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by Paul Oliva to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried. Lee Sandora abstained.

**DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT**

David Iannucci Vice President of Suffield Bank was in attendance as a potential future member of the EDC.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- EDC Minutes for March 27, 2017
- EDC Report for September

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Director of Community Development Gary M. Haynes presented the following activity from the September 2017 Economic Development Report:

**A. Pending Projects**

Mike Latonie/Pride Gas Station-Applied for wetlands to conduct a significant activity with in a wetland to construct a gas station with truck diesel pumps, convenience store, and accessory restaurant. Application was withdrawn to allow time to revised drawings. Expect to resubmit new drawings and update application for next IWC & PZC meeting.

**B. Projects Under Construction**

10 Airport Park Rd- Coorstek has taken out building permit for 11,025 sq ft addition

3 Creamery Brook-Have taken out building permit to construct an approximate 7k sq ft office building.

18 Connecticut South Drive- Have taken out building permit for small tenant fitout for 360sq ft

99 Rainbow Rd-Stevens Global has taken out building permit for tenant fitout to take down wall to double their footprint.

99 Rainbow Rd-MB Aerospace has taken out building permit for tenant fitout to create 3k sq ft of office space.

### **C. Recently Completed Projects**

54 Floydville Rd- Paines has taken out building permit for outbuilding to construct enclosure to dumpster area per DEEP revised permit

39 Bradley Park Rd-MB Aerospace has taken out permit for 4,350 sq feet of new office and reconstruction of all interior office space of approximately 6,000 sq ft

16 International Drive-Novitex has taken out building permit for tenant fitout for 14k sq ft of warehouse space

6 Creamery Brook-Laurie Dibattisto took out tenant fitout to remodel 3 offices.

### **D. On-Going Business Locations**

10 Airport Park Rd-Coorstek has submitted final application for Bradley Development Zone for 11k sq ft addition.

15 International Dr-Joining Technologies has submitted final application for Bradley Development Zone for 20k sq ft tenant fitout of vacant space.

Joining Technologies-Has been nominated by CERC for 2017 Celebrate CT award. Event will be Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Bushnell in Hartford.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Bradley Development League**

BDL is going to have CERC do marketing strategy study for the BDL. Focus will be how we can better market ourselves as a region. What are our strengths and weakness? How do we get others to be interested in our strengths?

### **B. Marketing Material: CAA**

Director of Community Development shared marketing brochures from the CAA that reflect the most recent route expansion. He also updated the commission on the CAA Airport Master Plan update and recent construction activities around the airport.

### **C. EDC Membership**

Member Dreux Namnoum has not attended any of the recent meetings. The Chairman and Director of Community Development have kept in contact, but Dreux continues to be too busy to attend the EDC meetings. Chairman Paul Oliva is going call Dreux to see if there is continued

interest to remain on the commission as we have two potential members interested in joining the commission.

#### **D. Amazon HQ2 RFP**

Amazon currently has their corporate office in Washington on the west coast. They are looking to establish a second corporate office on the east coast. The initial proposal calls for sites that can accommodate 500k sq ft with future potential for over 8M sq ft. The Director of Community Development submitted a 130 acre site that is available in East Granby. Initial proposals were due to DECD on September 19<sup>th</sup>. DECD will pick a handful of sites and put a package together to submit to Amazon by deadline of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **E. Vacant Parcels/Available Buildings**

Director of Community Development updated the commission on several conversations he had with property owners that are listed on the vacant parcels list. Property owners were very supportive of the proposed regulation changes. We will be scheduling a future land use workshop this fall to work with the land use commission members and property owners to initiate regulation changes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Lee Sandor and seconded by John Ziobro to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Haynes  
Director of Community Development