A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held on May 23, 2016. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. were Gary Vick, Paul Thulen, Dreux Namnourn, and Lee Sandora. John Ziobro and William O’Neill were absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by Gary Vick to approve the minutes of April 25, 2016. Votes in favor of the minutes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

None in attendance

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for April 25, 2016
- EDC Report for May

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

A. Pending Projects

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.

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

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

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 is expanding in East Granby. Paul Holjes is working on potential prospect interested in developing a sports complex.

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

Tabled

D. Economic Development Coordinator

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

E. Town Website

Tabled

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by Dreux Namnoun to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Haynes
Director of Community Development