

# KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 2, 2016  
Killingly Town Hall  
Conference Room 102  
172 Main Street  
Killingly, CT**



Dale Desmarais, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Dale Desmarais, Bill Cheng, Mark Tillinghast, Todd Cooke and Steven Gilbert (5:05). Rand Joly and Kevin Cole were absent with notification.

Todd Cooke and Steven Gilbert were appointed voting members by Dale Desmarais.

Others Present: Joyce Ricci, Town Council Liaison; John Hallbergh, Lynn LaBerge, Kevin Ide, Town Councilors; Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development; Elsie Bisset, Economic Development Director and Joylee Dumas, Acting Recording Secretary.

2. Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016 was made by Bill Cheng. It was **SECONDED** by Todd Cooke. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Correspondence – None

4. Citizen's Participation – Jim Rivers, 156 Main Street, encourages the Town to think outside the box when deciding what to do with the million dollar grant. Do something to draw tenants to the empty spaces, which will bring jobs.

5. Unfinished Business

a) Economic Development Trust Fund – The beginning balance of the Trust Fund as of January 1, 2016 was \$270,804.41. The interest for January was \$96.56. The balance as of January 31, 2016 is \$270,900.97.

b) Update of Projects

- The low bid for the Lead & Asbestos Survey was \$2,624.00. There were 8 responses.
- Letters were sent to 742 business owners to update the Business Directory for this year.
- The new town website has been launched. If you notice anything that needs to be changed, let Elsie know.
- Last week the Historical Society hosted Last Green Valley Program, which had 26 attendees.
- We're presently working on an ad for The Last Green Valley Explore Guide for summer.
- We'll be hosting the Main Street Center Community Conversation program on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Library.
- The State announced the Town of Killingly will be awarded a 1 million dollar grant for downtown revitalization. Discussion followed on ideas for revitalization efforts. Email Elsie with suggestions on how this grant should be used. Depending on a deadline when suggestions are needed, we could have a special meeting on this item.
- Premier Laboratory's name has been changed to Microbac; US Cosmetics name has been changed to Miyoshi America, Inc. and Delta Rubber is now known as Hutchinson Precision Sealing Systems, Inc.
- Sherwin Williams will be re-opening in the Killingly Plaza on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrity Bartender Night on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Hank's Restaurant in Brooklyn. The proceeds will support the Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Scholarships, Dictionaries and other projects. The Killingly Business Association team will be on from 6:30-7:00 PM.
- Next Tuesday, at the Regular Council meeting there will be a report from the Special Commission on Law Enforcement Strategies.
- The Hale YMCA will have their ribbon cutting on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>; and be open for business on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

6. New Business

- a) Earth Filling & Excavation Regulations – Preparation for P & Z Workshop 2-16-16 – Dale reminded everyone about the meeting and asked members to attend, if possible, with ideas and suggestions for edits.

7. Liaison Reports

Joyce Ricci reported the following items were discussed recently at Council.

- Discussion of the voting location change to one location at Killingly High School. Bill Cheng remarked that he thought one location was a good idea. Joyce mentioned that no one complained when she was campaigning.
- Annual approvals for grants.
- Council now meets at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM.
- The sidewalk ordinance has been amended.

8. Commission Member Reports – Bill Cheng remarked there was no meeting of the Open Space Land Acquisition Committee in January, but, one is scheduled for February. Dale wants to make sure we get the word out that we're here to help all businesses, regardless of size.

9. Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 6:02 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Steve Gilbert. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaRoche  
Recording Secretary