

KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Killingly Town Hall
Conference Room 102
172 Main Street
Killingly, CT**



Dale Desmarais, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present were Dale Desmarais, Bill Cheng, and Mark Tillinghast. Rand Joly was absent with notification.

A **MOTION** to add an addendum to item 5, Unfinished Business (d) Zone Change Application #15-1106; was made by Mark Tillinghast and was **SECONDED** by Bill Cheng. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Others Present: John Hallbergh, Town Council Liaison; Joyce Ricci, Alternate Town Council Liaison; Lynn LaBerge, Town Councilor; Elsie Bisset, Economic Development Director and Judy LaRoche, Recording Secretary.

2. Approval of Minutes: A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 9, 2015 was made by Bill Cheng and **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**. A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 7, 2015 was made by Mark Tillinghast and **SECONDED** by Dale Desmarais. The voice vote was Dale Desmarais and Mark Tillinghast **IN FAVOR** and Bill Cheng **ABSTAINED**. A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 21, 2015 was made by Bill Cheng and **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Correspondence – None

4. Citizen's Participation – None

5. Unfinished Business

a) Economic Development Trust Fund – The beginning balance of the Trust Fund as of was \$297,542.66. Interest for April was \$17.12 and the balance for April 30, 2015 was \$297,559.78. The reason for the increase in interest is the funds were moved into a higher interest account.

b) Update of Projects – Elsie reported the following:

- In the Killingly High School Career Pathways newsletter that was included in the agenda packet, Elsie and EDC were thanked for participating in manufacturing day, last October.
- Distributed the program schedule from the 2015 CT State TSA (Technology Student Association) Conference which was hosted by Killingly High School and Elsie participated in.
- EAMA (Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance) hosted a video challenge program called "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" Companies and high schools were matched up to make videos about manufacturing. Previously, it was plastics competition. Elsie attended the film festival that was held on April 29th at Three Rivers Community College. Our local businesses and schools that participated were Bollore, WEB Industries, Quinebaug Middle College and Ellis Tech. We put an EDC ad in the program book, which was distributed to those present. Elsie pointed out that the industrial cluster with the greatest concentration of members on the program map is in Killingly.

- Information sheets about manufacturing courses being offered in the fall at QVCC and Three Rivers Community College was passed around.
- The Jewett City Savings Bank annual report was received.
- The new Last Green Valley Explore guide, which used to be the Visitor's Guide, was distributed.
- The new Mystic Visitors Guide was passed around.
- At the Eastern Regional Tourism District (Mystic Country) meeting that Elsie attended, they discussed new tourism niches. Many are for children and families. Others mentioned were retro, wines, gardens, driving trails and water activities. The State Economic Impact Study targeting New York City, Philadelphia and New Jersey showed that people who visit eastern CT don't spend as much money per trip, but, visit more often.
- Elsie said C & M is planning to do a ribbon cutting in September.

A **MOTION** to move item 5c to after item 9, Executive Session was made by Bill Cheng and **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

- d) Zone (Text) Change Application #15-1106 of James Rivers for Borough Section 900 to Amend Section 300-Definitions to add an Outpatient Therapeutic and/or Counseling Clinics definition and to amend Section 440.3 to add I. Outpatient and/or Counseling Clinics (as defined in Section 300) as a Special Permitted Use in the (CBD) Central Business District Zone. – Elsie distributed copies of the text amendment application that will be on Planning & Zoning's agenda May 18th. Dale asked if they were presently located in the CBD. Yes, the business that wants to go in is presently located in the CBD. John Hallbergh said it's a counseling clinic presently located on Commerce Av. Someone sent John pictures of people loitering around the present location and they think it shouldn't be allowed. The amendment states that there is no dispensation of drugs. Supposedly there will be 250 clients and over 10 medical personnel, if they move to the new location. Mark said although necessary, he doesn't feel comfortable with it being located downtown. Bill said it's Planning & Zoning's decision and they should make the decision. The applicant was not present, so the consensus was to not make any motion. If anyone wants to attend the meeting and give their opinion, they can.

6. New Business: None

7. Liaison Reports: John Hallbergh reported the following:

- There were about 50 people at the public hearing and nothing was added or subtracted from the budgets. As it stands, there will be a .8 mill increase. The vote is all day next Tuesday, May 12th.
- Council is interviewing people for boards and commissions tonight.
- They're still discussing the HVAC system at the old high school and sanding/refinishing and painting the proper colors on the gym floor at the new high school. Joyce said they may mothball the old unit under the stage and install a new one outside.
- The parking plan for Main Street has been submitted to DOT to only park on the northbound side and it's being moved forward. John also mentioned possibly making part of Academy Street one-way.
- The Resident Troopers are now located in the former Economic Development Office. The troopers like being in the town hall because they are closer to downtown.
- The Law Enforcement Strategies Commission is meeting Thursday night. Representatives from the Montville Police will be here that night and speak to the process of going from constables and resident troopers to a full time police force. John thinks we may be heading that way. The present constables are finished at the end of the year. Council can appoint constables in 2016. The law enforcement survey on the Town website had over 200 participants.
- John said he, Sean Hendricks and Elsie met last week with people from DEEP and Anthony Simpson at Prym. Did more test borings two weeks ago and Prym was told that they need to come up with a plan. Anthony should also submit the plans for the truck wash. Mark Lewis will facilitate with Prym. John thought it was productive and the ball is now in Anthony's court. The Fitness Factory will have a 7 year timeline for remediation because it was sold recently. Under previous laws, there was no

timeline when the main mill was sold. John thinks that DEEP will try a little harder to get Prym to comply.

- Joyce Ricci said the people at the Cosmo Prof ribbon cutting said they were never treated so well by a Town.

8. Commission Member Reports: Bill Cheng said the Open Space Committee is scheduled to meet on the 28th of May in Room 102. Dale asked if anyone had any objections to the changes for the MMUDD regulations by Bill St. Onge. The letter with suggested changes will go to P & Z May 18th. Discussion followed.

Mark Tillinghast made a **MOTION** to go into executive session including Elsie Bisset and Joyce Ricci, related to item 9, Acquisition of Real Estate at 6:07 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Bill Cheng. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

9. Executive Session – Acquisition of Real Estate – CGS Chapter 14, Sec. 1-200 (6)(d)

Executive Session ended at 6:39 PM.

- 5 c) New Industrial Park – A **MOTION** was made by Mark Tillinghast to recommend that the Town Council negotiate with the owners to acquire site #3 for a new industrial park. It was **SECONDED** by Bill Cheng and the voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

10. Adjournment:

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 6:41 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaRoche
Recording Secretary