

## KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 6, 2016  
Killingly Town Hall  
Conference Room 102  
172 Main Street  
Killingly, CT**

Amended



Dale Desmarais, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Dale Desmarais, Bill Cheng, Mark Tillinghast, Kevin Cole and Steven Gilbert.  
Todd Cooke was absent and Rand Joly & Elsie Bisset were absent with notification.

Others Present: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development; John Hallbergh, Town Councilor; Lynn LaBerge, Town Councilor and Judy LaRoche, Recording Secretary.

Steve Gilbert was made a voting member.

2. Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 16, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28, 2016 was made by Bill Cheng. It was **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Correspondence – Kevin Cole was reappointed to the Commission for another 5 year term.

4. Citizen's Participation – none

5. Unfinished Business

a) Economic Development Trust Fund – The beginning balance of the Trust Fund as of August 1, 2016 was \$267,545.32. The interest for August was \$108.55. The balance as of August 31, 2016 is \$267,653.87.

b) Update of Projects

- The Salvation Army is going into the left side of Michael O'Brien's building, near Planet Fitness. The section that was all of Ames will be divided in half.
- O'Reilly Autoparts is going on the property on the corner of Valley Road and Hartford Pike on the hill.

6. New Business

a) Election of Officers – Bill Cheng made a **MOTION** to re-elect the present slate of officers: Dale Desmarais, Chairman; Mark Tillinghast, Vice-Chairman and Rand Joly, Secretary. It was **SECONDED** by Kevin Cole. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

b) Annual Report – Review & Recommendation – An updated annual report was distributed to members. Bill Cheng made a **MOTION** to accept the Annual Report as written to send to the Town Manager. It was **SECONDED** by Steven Gilbert and the voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

c) Approval of 2017 – 2018 Meeting Dates – Kevin Cole made a **MOTION** to approve the meeting dates. It was **SECONDED** by Bill Cheng and the voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

d) Rules of Procedure – Review – The consensus of members is to leave as is.

8. Liaison Reports

- The Town Council is meeting tonight interviewing prospective commission members, per John Hallbergh
- Also on that agenda are local legislators, Mae Flexer, Danny Rovero and Christine Randall; concerning NTE.
- Dale asked if we need to make a recommendation concerning NTE and Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development explained the process with the Siting Council noting that Inland Wetlands & Planning & Zoning are the entities that need to respond to the Siting Council. If EDC has any concerns, they should let Inland Wetlands and/or Planning & Zoning know.

9. Commission Member Reports – No open space meeting, per Bill Cheng. He attended the Innovations meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Elsie's place. The Innovation Places program invites all towns from around the state to come together as a community and offer up a vision for how to promote innovation and entrepreneurship locally, as part of the local culture, and to incorporate support for innovators and entrepreneurs into local economic development plans. Communities that participate may submit a competitive proposal for state aid to help them in achieving these goals, which will be evaluated by a panel of entrepreneurs (the board of CTNext) and awarded on merit. Killingly is applying with Putnam, Willimantic, Storrs, Mansfield and UConn. Dale mentioned that John Sowyrda, a developer out of Boston, said that aviation, medical and food were the 3 top things that expansions are focusing on. He would come down and speak if we ask him. Bill suggested we have someone come once a year and speak and brainstorm. Discussion followed on the current trends of business development.

10. Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 5:25 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaRoche  
Recording Secretary