

KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 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, Todd Cooke and Steven Gilbert. Mark Tillinghast and Kevin Cole were absent. Rand Joly was absent with notification.

Others Present: Joyce Ricci, Town Council Liaison; Hoween Flexer, BOE Liaison; Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development; Elsie Bisset, Economic Development Director and Judy LaRoche, Recording Secretary.

Steven Gilbert and Todd Cooke were appointed voting members.

2. Approval of Minutes:

A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2016 made by Bill Cheng. It was **SECONDED** by Steven Gilbert. 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 September 1, 2016 was \$267,653.87. The interest for September was \$98.72. The balance as of September 30, 2016 is \$267,752.59.

b) Update of Projects

- Elsie spoke about the Innovation Places Grant that we're working on with UConn, Eastern CT University, QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center and the municipalities of Putnam, Willimantic, and Mansfield. CME Associates, Inc., a private company, prepared the grant application.
- Elsie attended the QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center Ribbon Cutting last Friday. Elsie will try to schedule a tour for EDC in the future.
- The former Whistling Train Saloon has been purchased by 8 Furnace St., LLC. The former Kickers Restaurant is also being renovated. Ann-Marie Aubrey said that the Planning & Building Office still has to see the Red Book of the Health Department before they are allowed to open.
- Attorneys are working on closing documents for the Tighe building.
- Elsie passed out Walktober guides and Mystic Country Magazines.
- The Town was presented with a new Last Green Valley sign which is on the front of the Town Hall.
- Three companies were interviewed to administer the Downtown Improvement Project with Special Act Funding. CME Associates, Inc., was chosen to be the project

administrator. The Project Administrators are John Guskowski, with historical architect, Evelyn Cole Smith. EDC will be involved when necessary.

- NTE will host another public informational meeting on Wednesday, October 19th.
- The CT Siting Council site walk for NTE will be on Thursday, October 20th at 3:30 PM. The Siting Council will hold a public meeting at the Killingly High School Auditorium at 6:30 PM that evening.
- The Killingly Business Association (KBA) will now meet at the Killingly Community Center Auditorium.
- Demolition and remediation has started at the P & A Mill.
- Salvation Army will be moving to Dayville Four Corners Plaza.
- Ann-Marie reported that O'Reilly's auto parts store will be reviewed at staff level.
- UNFI, Frito Lay, Rite Aid, EB and Sikorsky are looking for employees.
- Dale reported that Putnam is making their lots sizes in the tech park smaller, since there is not a lot of interest.
- Bailey Hill Mill project is updating their Town approvals.
- Dale said that most of the people that will lose their jobs at Rogers Corporation probably won't for about 2 years and manufacturing will be staying here.
- Joyce said she's getting a lot of complaints about Prym. It needs to have an amended site plan before the state gets involved again.

6. New Business - None

7. Liaison Reports

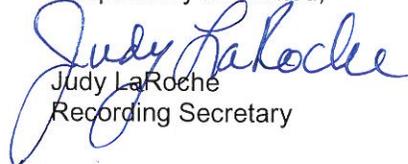
- Hoween Flexer reported that Dr. Lynne Pierson is the new interim superintendent. The Board of Education is meeting with the Town Council tonight to discuss the unexpended educational fund account. If there's a savings, they could take it out of the fund. The town would control it.
- Joyce Ricci reported that a policy will be created in the future to name Town owned bridges, etc. There was some controversy of the naming of the Whetstone Brook Bridge.
- Council discussed the next step in the process regarding constables. Public meetings are being held at fire stations.

8. Commission Member Reports – Bill Cheng reported that Open Space had a meeting to elect officers. No other business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 5:40 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Steven Gilbert. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy LaRoche
Recording Secretary