

KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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



Mark Tillinghast, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

1. Roll Call:

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

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

Todd Cooke was appointed a voting member.

2. Approval of Minutes:

A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2016 made by Bill Cheng. It was **SECONDED** by Rand Joly. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Correspondence – TEEG Annual Report was passed around.

4. Citizen's Participation – none

Bill Cheng made a **MOTION** to move item 6 before item 5. It was **SECONDED** by Kevin Cole and the voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

6. New Business - None

a) Fixing of Assessments Application – 26 Soap Street – Discussion & Recommendation

Bill Menghi, owner of United We Stand, gave an overview of his business located at 26 Soap Street and the work that has been put in to renovate. He has refurbished the original building and built a new 3 bay garage. He's been in business 13 years and was previously in Sterling, CT. He has 24 employees. He has some site work to finish but, should have his Certificate of Occupancy soon. Kevin Cole made a **MOTION** to recommend support of the Fixing of Assessments application for an incentive of 50% for 3 years of the increased assessment for property located at 26 Soap Street. Bill Cheng **SECONDED** the motion and the voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

5. Unfinished Business

a) Economic Development Trust Fund – The beginning balance for October 1, 2016 was \$267,752.59. The expenses for the Tighe building purchase, insurance and utilities were \$113,291.01. Interest was \$92.45 and the balance of the Trust Fund as of November 1, 2016 was \$156,244.18. The interest for September was \$57.64. The balance as of November 30, 2016 is \$156,301.82.

b) Update of Projects

- Elsie distributed copies of the CT Magazine, the presentation she made to Council in October and a survey about Innovation Places which is due December 15th. She also passed around info on the Manufacturing Summit.
- Last month, in place of the November meeting, EDC toured the QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center
- Elsie reported and passed around an information sheet concerning new businesses at the Dayville Four Corners Plaza. There will be a Salvation Army, Harbour Freight store, T-Mobile Store and Moe's Southwest Grill restaurant.
- Todd Cooke mentioned he heard that the Dunkin Donuts headquarters will move into Bell Park Plaza.
- Downtown merchants had a great Small Business Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- The Dubliner (former Food's N Fudge) has opened and the hours are 11 AM to 4 PM. Eastern CT Rehabilitation has also moved to this new location on Hartford Pike.

7. Liaison Reports

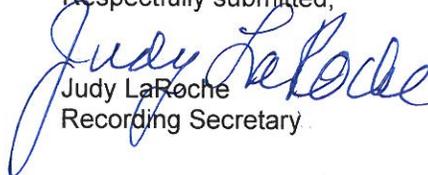
- Bill Cheng reported that the Open Space Committee met in October and elected the same officers.
- Hoween Flexer gave an update on the search for a new school Superintendent. There's also a survey on the Board of Education website for community input for this process. The next BOE meeting will be December 14th to discuss the search process. Also, they're preparing now for budget season.
- Joyce Ricci asked if the Town was notified about Louise Berry's retirement event. There were only 2 people from Killingly that attended.
- Joyce also reported that she attended the meeting regarding community benefits from the proposed NTE power plant project. Some of the suggested made were about additional parking at KHS and sidewalks on Maple Street and improvements to the Recreation Center, etc.
- Interviews by the Town Council of applicants for the open unaffiliated councilor position are tonight.

8. Commission Member Reports – None

9. Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 6:00 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Rand Joly. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy LaRoche
Recording Secretary