

KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Also Special Joint Meeting with the Planning and Zoning
Commission
Monday, March 9, 2015
Killingly Town Hall
Conference Room 102
172 Main Street
Danielson, CT



Dale Desmarais, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present were Dale Desmarais, Rand Joly, Bill Cheng, and Mark Tillinghast. Joshua Wojcik and Steven Gilbert absent.

Others Present: John Hallbergh, Town Council Liaison; Joyce Ricci, Alternate Town Council Liaison; Lynn LaBerge, Town Councilor; Richard Murray, Board of Education Liaison; Keith Thurlow, Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission, Sean Hendricks, Town Manager; Linda Walden, Director of Planning & Development and Elsie Bisset, Economic Development Director.

MOTION by Rand Joly to move item 5c. up on the agenda. **SECONDED** by Bill Cheng. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

5. c) Mill Mixed Use Development District (MMUDD)-Draft Regulations Review and Edit

MOTION by Rand Joly to allow everyone in the room to enter into discussion of this item. **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Planning & Zoning Commission noticed this meeting as a joint meeting for participation to review, discuss and take action, however, only one commission member was present so the meeting continued as a discussion with EDC due to the lack of a quorum.

Discussion first focused on sub-division and the pros and cons in this zoning district. Discussion on design guidelines as included in the draft. In light of the severe deteriorating state of most of the MMUDD properties and the realistic needs for remediation and clean up, some options were discussed regarding whether or not there is a need for a MMUDD zone due to the deteriorating conditions of the buildings and the economic realities. Some ideas were given for light industrial uses to be added to the regulations. Anthony Simpson, property owner of the former Prym Mill site stated that he would like his property to be used for a car dealership and a truck car wash. Consensus was to continue the review and discussion of the regulations with more members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. It was agreed to set up another workshop with the two commissions as a special joint meeting on April 7, 2015 at 7 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015 was made by Rand Joly. It was **SECONDED** by Bill Cheng. 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 February 1, 2015 was \$297,533.78. Interest for February was \$2.24 and the balance for February 28, 2015 was \$297,536.02.

b) Update of Projects:

- Elsie passed out copies of the invitation for the energy presentation to be held on March 26, 2015 at the Gold Eagle banquet room, at 2:00 PM, sponsored by EDC. Members are encouraged to invite businesses and give out these invitations. 350 save the date invitations were sent out and a second round of mailings will be sent soon.
- A tourism marketing overview was also handed out from the Eastern CT Tourism District.

6. New Business - None

7. Liaison Reports:

- John Hallbergh reported that Council is getting ready for budget discussions. He reported that Sean Hendricks has submitted a letter to CT DOT requesting approval to change parking on Main Street to the northbound side only. The state has changed their plans and will not be resurfacing Main Street this spring due to budget constraints.
- Richard Murray reported that the legislature is considering a bifurcation of Town and Board of Education budgets so that they could be voted on separately.

8. Commission Member Reports:

- Bill Cheng said there was no meeting for Open Space.

9. Adjournment:

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 7:00 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Rand Joly. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,



Elsie Bisset
Acting Recording Secretary