

KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Killingly Town Hall
Conference Room 102
172 Main Street
Killingly, CT**



Mark Tillinghast, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Dale Desmarais (4:30), Bill Cheng, Mark Tillinghast, Todd Cooke and Rand Joly. Absent with notification were Steven Gilbert & Kevin Cole. Todd Cooke was appointed a voting member.

Others Present: Sean Hendricks, Town Manager; John Hallbergh, Town Councilor; Hoween Flexer, BOE Liaison; Joyce Ricci, Town Council Liaison; David Griffiths, Alternate Town Council Liaison; Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development; Elsie Bisset, Economic Development Director and Judy LaRoche, Recording Secretary.

2. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2016 was made by Bill Cheng. It was **SECONDED** by Rand Joly. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Citizen's Participation – John LaBelle, Island Road, Killingly. Mr. LaBelle spoke out of interest in the NTE combined cycle 550 MW power plant proposed facility in Killingly. As the Commission reviews the pros and cons of this potential taxpayer and benefit to Killingly, he implored them to evaluate all the facets of this potential project to determine whether it is truly a beneficial gift or a Trojan horse. In his experience, things are not always what they appear to be and information is frequently highly technical, difficult to understand and evolves and changes over time. This can make it difficult to make well-informed good decisions.

4. Presentation – NTE Energy - Mark Mirabato, COO, gave an overview of the proposed project proposal, along with Tim Eves, SVP, Development and Chuck Coursey, Public Affairs Consultant. Information was distributed to commission members and discussion followed the presentation.

5. Business Directional Signage – It's been ten years since we began the program, so it's time to review. Information was provided in the packet on the cost of manufacturing and erecting the directional signs. The original cost to businesses was \$75, but, they cost more to make now. The cost to make them, including labor and materials is \$237.77. Elsie asked members to look at this and think about it to see what updated fee should be. Dale said it should cost businesses what it costs to do it. After discussion, Elsie will do more research and members can discuss it next meeting and make a recommendation to Council, who will set the fee.

Bill Cheng made a **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 5:07 PM; inviting Sean Hendricks, Ann-Marie Aubrey, Elsie Bisset, Dan Smiley & Rene Barbeau to join them. It was **SECONDED** by Todd Cooke and the voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

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

Members came out of Executive Session at 6:25 PM.

7. Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Todd Cooke to adjourn at 6:26 PM. It was **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaRoche
Recording Secretary