

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
May 9, 2018 Meeting**

DATE: Wednesday May 9, 2018

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: Town Council Chambers

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comment
- C. Reading of Minutes.
 - April 11, 2018 Economic Development Commission Minutes (Attachment 1)
- D. Economic Developer's Report (attachment 2)
- E. EDC Marketing Material Update
- F. Town Council Liaison Report
- G. Old Business
 - 1. EDC Meeting Schedule
 - 2. Small Business Resource Program
- H. Adjournment

cc: Economic Development Commissioners
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager
William Warner, Town Planner
Paula Ray, Town Clerk
Deb Bull, Administrative Assistant (by e-mail)

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

DATE: April 11, 2018
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room A

MINUTES

Present

Augusto Russell	Carol King
John Karwoski	Robert Reeve
Brian Connolly	Daniel Kleinman
Bill Wadsworth	Ed Giannaros

Staff

Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order

a. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Connolly at 5:35 pm

B. Public Comment – No Comments

C. Reading of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Wadsworth / Reeve) to accept the March 14, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Karwoski and Connolly abstained. The **motion carried**.

D. Economic Developers Report- The report was reviewed by the Commissioners.

E. EDC Marketing Materials Update

Rose has been working with Journey Communications, a local marketing firm, to develop a marketing plan for the EDC. Moving forward a marketing subcommittee will work with Journey Communications to develop a plan and update the EDC's marketing materials. Commissioner Russell and Connolly both volunteered to serve on the Marketing Committee. The Committee will report back to the Commission.

F. Bioscience Enterprise Corridor Zone Update

The State of CT has cut funding to municipalities for Enterprise Corridor Zone. Under the original legislation an eligible enterprise corridor business could receive 5 year 80% real estate property tax abatement. The state would reimburse the municipality 40% of the abatement. The state's 40% portion of the reimbursement has been cancelled. Rose will work with other Economic Development Directors to make recommendations to DECD about the program.

G. Town Council Liaison Report-

Councilman Giannaros gave the Commission a full update on the Council's recommended budget, the capital budget, the reval process, and a review of the grand list growth.

H. Old Business

1. **Explore Farmington-** There has been continual growth in the amount of users to the daily site. Nancy Parent, Director of Community Services, placed an Explore Farmington ad on the back cover of the Spring-Summer recreation catalog which resulted in increased visits to the site.
2. **EDC Meeting Schedule**

The June meeting has to be rescheduled. Rose will email the Commissioners and see what date in June works for everyone.

3. **Small Business Resource Program:** The first event of the Small Business Resource Program will be in partnership with Power Hawke. The topic will be Business Solar Photovoltaic Solutions. It will take place on June 13, at the Power Hawke headquarters. The Library will be our next partner and will feature a fall program centered on cyber-security.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded (Reeve/ Kleinman) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. **Approved unanimously**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Ponte
Economic Development Director**

CC: Economic Development Commission

CANCELLED

Economic Development Director Report
April 2018 EDC Report

Business Visits:

During the months of April 2018 I met or conferred with the following:

1. Chelsea O'Donnell, owner, Journey Communications
2. Sean Ditson, CURE Restaurant
3. Bob Wiener, JDA Development
4. Joanna Scott, CT Innovations of Next
5. Viviana Pinhasi, Cultivo Food Shop
6. Greg Seay, Hartford Business Journal
7. President James Lombella, Tunxis Community College
8. Denise Gordon, Zen Yoga Barre
9. Tim and Betty LeGouthillier, UVIA
10. Evan Daniels, Civic Lift
11. Andrew Wallace, Consultant for Hudson Bay
12. Barbara Thomas, Farmington Valley Press
13. Ysabel Rabinowitz, Bridge Arts Healing Center
14. Jim Calciano, principal Calciano & Stern Appraisal
15. Fran Massucci, Talcott Center for Learning
16. Thomas Madden, Jim Bellano, Rep. Rojas, CT Enterprise Corridor Zone

Partnerships Events and meetings

DECD meeting with Rep. Rojas concerning the Enterprise Corridor Zone Legislation
Tunxis Community College Manufacturing Breakfast
Global Business Council Quarterly Meeting
Weekly Rotary meetings
Chamber Monthly Board Meeting
HBJ Women in Business Award luncheon
CT Main Street Spotlight on Business

Communications

Spring Breakfast Registration
Spring E-Newsletter
WTIC Radio show with Ray Dunaway