

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

DATE: Wednesday September 14, 2016
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Town Council

MINUTES

Present

Augusto Russell
Bob Reeve
Dan Kleinman
Carole King
Gary Palumbo
Brian Connolly

Absent

John Karwoski
Joe Howard

Staff

Rose Ponte

a. Call to Order

a. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

b. Public Comment

a. n/a

c. Reading of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 8, 2016 minutes (Reeve/ Kleinman).

1. Approved unanimously,

d. September Breakfast RECAP

The breakfast was the most attended breakfast of the series. There were 225 attendees. We received 50 surveys and all were very complimentary. Some constructive recommendations included having a portable mike for those asking questions, and improving the sound system. For future speakers we will reach out to the Director of UCONN TIP program and the Director of Bradley International Airport. Farmington Bank distributed pens and a press release.

e. To Discuss and approve sending a letter of Referral to TPZ concerning the 5 Corners Project.

Attorney Reeve recused himself.

A proposed commercial development on Colt Highway and Birdseye Road is seeking a change in the town's POCD language as a preliminary step to ultimately seeking a zone change from residential to commercial.

This area of town has experienced an increase in commercial activity over the past several years and this proposed project would benefit the area. Commissioner Russell explained that although in the past the EDC has waited until the project goes for a zone change, he felt it was important for the EDC to lead the discussion especially since this would be a very positive project for the area.

A motion was made and seconded to have the draft letter that was read to be finalized and presented to TPZ and to be read at the TPZ meeting.

1. **Approved; one abstention by Commissioner Reeve**

f. **Town Council Liaison Report**

The Commission last met two weeks ago, Councilman Palumbo did not have anything new to report since the last meeting.

g. **New Business**

The Farmington High School is organizing an event for their capstone students. Area business leaders will be interviewed by the students. Several Commissioners offered to attend if more participants were needed.

h. **Adjournment**

a. A motion was made and seconded (Kleinman/ Connolly) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm

i. **Approved unanimously**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Ponte
Economic Development Director
CC: Economic Development Commissioners**