

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Breslau called the meeting to order at 8:40 am

Members Present: Commissioners Olson, Sendrak, McGurk, Adamson, Breslau and Kloter

Members Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Kennedy, Kellogg, and Scranton

Also Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Recording Secretary Leslie Campolongo

### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for Public Forum

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON MAY 11, 2016

Commissioner Adamson motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 11, 2016, motion seconded by Commissioner Olson. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Gately provided an overview of the following projects:

#### A. Current Projects

- **200 West Main St** – Town obtained a \$500K Urban Act Grant to bring Ph.1 of the project to completion. State hopes this phase of the project will be completed by late summer or early fall.
- **Talcott Brothers Mill** – Construction is in full swing. Expected completion by Summer 2017.
- **Amerbelle Mill** – Project is 95% complete. Work continues on the channel/raceway. Grading and seeding of the site is expected shortly, with target completion by May 2017.
- **206 Talcottville Rd. (spec retail plaza)** – Advertising for tenants.
- **243 Talcottville Rd. (Trail Run apartments)** – Working with OSTA for traffic flow/site access. Construction likely to take place summer 2017.
- **129 Talcottville Rd. and 145 Talcottville Rd. (Wendy's, retail and storage)** – Town owned land, behind Taco Bell. Recently approved by Planning and Zoning Commission.
- **148 Talcottville Rd. (spec Dental Office)** - Former Gem Jewelry, now under construction as Dental Office.
- **179 Talcottville Rd. (AFC Urgent Care)** - Former Battistons. Area with lab space, same owner as 148 Talcottville.
- **504 Talcottville Rd. (O'Reilly Auto parts)** Former Pizza Hut. Construction to begin in April 2017.
- **4+6 Regan St. (Swiss Cleaners)** – Additional building, set for completion end of April 2017.
- **175 Hartford Tpke. (Carter Chevy)** - Completion date is in sight.
- **1188 Hartford Tpke. (Dollar General)** – Approved by Planning and Zoning.
- **14 Hyde Ave. (Multi Family/ commercial)** – Appearing before Inlands Wetlands for 200 units of housing. Access to development may affect traffic flow in that area.

- **Zoning language on Breweries** - revisions have been made to the Zoning Regs., which now permit breweries, distilleries and wineries. Vernon has 11 liquor licenses permitted by use, with 2 spots available.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **UConn Digital Media and Design Department (Student agency-ATION)** – Mr. Gately provided the Commission with an update on the Marketing efforts being undertaken by UCONN’s “ATION.” They will be assisting with the Economic Development webpage, marketing material, perhaps assisting in revision of TOV website, and marketing for developers.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Three year Plan**– Mr. Gately reminded the Commission that the plan is a fluid document. Mr. Gately will resend the plan to the Commission for their review, and to revise and assign accordingly, the priorities of Tasks outlined for the Commission, as high, medium, or low priorities. The Commission may have also accomplished some of the goals set forth in the document.

B. **Community Outreach/ Events**

a. **Business Showcase/Breakfast or Cluster-centered event**

Discussion took place regarding hosting an event that would be “type of business” focused- such as a “car dealers” or selecting a section of our businesses that will attract and enhance business relationships in the clusters we have. The Commission also discussed facilitating/hosting an event focused on attracting breweries/wineries/distilleries to available sites, such as the mills; noting that such an event could not take place in or on town-owned property.

Motion made by Commissioner Sendrak and seconded by Commissioner McGurk to establish a sub-committee to focus efforts on attracting breweries/wineries/distilleries to available parcels in town. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Breslau and Commissioner Sendrak offered to be a part of this sub-committee with a report back to the Commission by late summer or early fall.

b. **Review of Implementation Plan and Three year Plan** - Discussion above.

7. **RIBBON CUTTINGS/ GROUND BREAKINGS/ NEW BUSINESSES**

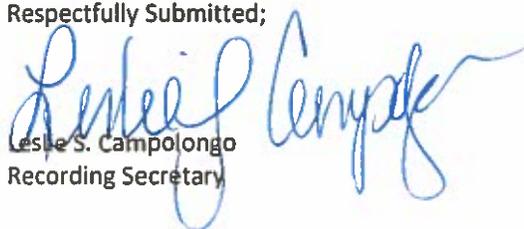
Mr. Gately provided an update on ribbon cuttings, which took place since the Commission last met, and those set to take place in March and April.

- Ribbon Cutting was held at Hartford HealthCare on 6-13-16
- Ribbon Cutting was held at Farmington Bank on 6-21-16
- Ribbon Cutting for Fiesta Mexicana on 10-28-16
- Ribbon Cutting for Pamela’s Patterns on 11-3-16
- Ribbon Cutting for CrossFit on 2-28-17
- Grand reopening for Reins Deli on 3-24-17
- Grand reopening for Visual Perceptions – March 27, 2017

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner McGurk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Adamson. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted;



Leslie S. Campolongo  
Recording Secretary