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Draft Minutes
Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting of February 16, 2011

Present: Commissioners Jeff Cohen, Bill Breslau, Bill McGurk, Dan Kennedy, Peter Olson, and James Sendrak; Mayor Jason McCoy; Marina Rodriguez, Staff Liaison

Public Forum: None present

Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Commissioner Breslau, seconded by Commissioner Olson, the minutes of January 19, 2011 were approved.

Administrative Items
Communications and Correspondence: correspondence was circulated.

Economic Development Status Update
There was a presentation to the Town Council last night on the Talcottville Mill restoration project, which was very well received; Commissioner Breslau and staff spoke in support of the project; Commissioner Kennedy had met with them last fall and provided useful information in regards to incubator space development and DECD. Other projects included 1302 Hartford Turnpike for re-use of the former Tim Horton's building, and 101 Industrial Park Rd. for office use. Commissioner Breslau reported that the RDA waterfall lighting project is moving forward. Follow up on the Intermodal Transportation Center project status.

Discussion with Mayor McCoy regarding EDC priorities for year ahead
The Commission thanked Mayor McCoy for taking time to attend the meeting. The Mayor and Commission reviewed existing priority areas and discussed issues such as unemployment, job creation, attracting and supporting of businesses, and procedures for project review and permit. The consensus was to concentrate on the following top three priorities, and individual Commissioners volunteered to lead each one:

- Streamline approval process for businesses and publish Development Guide.
  Commissioners Olson and Cohen
- Work on Town ad campaign for most effectiveness.
  Commissioner McGurk
- Attract businesses to create jobs; sponsor event.
  Commissioner Sendrak

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marina C. Rodriguez, AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP