

Draft Minutes  
Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission 11 JAN 11 PM 2:12  
Regular Meeting of December 15, 2010

Commissioners Present: Bill Breslau, Dan Kennedy, Bill McGurk, Peter Olson, James Sendrak  
Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

In Chairman Cohen's absence, Commissioner Olson agreed to chair the meeting.

1. Public Forum: None present
2. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Commissioner Breslau, seconded by Commissioner Olson, the minutes of October 20, 2010 were approved.
3. Administrative Items
  - A. Communications and Correspondence: correspondence was circulated.
  - B. Materials for the Town Clerk:
    - EDC agreed to continue the same schedule of regular meetings for 2011: the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Town Hall. Staff will submit the required notice.
    - Commissioner Breslau read and summarized the Ethics Ordinance and those present signed and submitted the required form. This will be mailed to those absent.
4. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities  
EDC reviewed its six priority areas and the Commissioners who had volunteered for each. Commissioners plan to take a more active role in moving priorities forward. Several areas were discussed including: priorities in Rockville and the importance of continuing ongoing communication between Town, RDA and RCA; accomplishments on Village St., Roosevelt Mill, and demolition of blighted properties. Commissioner McGurk discussed the business appreciation reception for existing businesses and offered help with expenses; tentatively for the spring or summer. Commissioner Sendrak suggested that we try to reschedule with Jeff Poultrice and Joel Rinebold in regards to energy alternatives for economic development. The POCD and Intermodal Transportation Center were also discussed. EDC requested to have our meeting notice/agenda include the list of the six priority areas with the name(s) of the Commissioner(s) who would report on each at the meeting.
5. Tax incentives for Economic Development:  
EDC briefly discussed the work done by staff. Commissioner Breslau and staff will try to pick up where we left it at the October meeting.
6. Economic Development Status Update  
October 20th staff was reassigned under an emergency appointment to other duties at the Department of Social Services. The status of several projects was discussed such as 117 Reservoir Rd. (Home Depot), 55 Reservoir Rd. Exit 67 area (Lee & Lamont property), 425 Talcottville Rd. (former Heartland), 215 East Main St. (Roosevelt Mill), and 47 Main St. (Talcottville Mill).

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7. New Business

Commissioner Sendrak reported that last month he went to the Vernon Community Network (VCN) meeting on homelessness where the Mayor was in attendance; the Director of the Tri Town Shelter spoke about the needs of the homeless population. He suggested having EDC consider how Vernon could help homeless individuals with jobs.

8. Old Business

Commissioner McGurk reported that the Talcott family had donated 26 acres to the Connecticut Land Trust.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marina C. Rodriguez, <sup>MC</sup>AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP