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Draft Minutes of EDC Meeting on 5/18/11

In Attendance:

Jeffrey Cohen (Chair), Bruce Kellog, Jim Sendrak, Peter Olsen, William Breslau, Dan Kennedy, Tim Ackert

7:30 AM Meeting Called to order

No one from the public was in attendance

Correspondance was reviewed

A discussion was held regarding the appointment of the new Economic Development Coordinator, and we are anxiously awaiting meeting the newly appointed person. It was discussed that the chair would reach out to the new person and begin a dialogue

Economic Status Update
Roosevelt Mills was discussed, and it appears the project is currently on hold until the middle of summer
Street repaving on State roads was discussed, and we are awaiting action by the state.

Old Business
Job Fair - Discussed, and suggested that as a soft start the EDC should reach out to employers in the town and invite them to meet the EDC. A partial list of invitees was formed, starting with some of the largest employers. Tim Ackert volunteered to reach out and find the correct contacts at ECHN to invite, and the Chair would send a formal invitation.

New Business procees - look at ways to streamline the process of helping New Businesses through the town bureaucracy. Everyone agreed that this should be part of the New coordinators job description, and that Mayor McCoy should help outline the importance of this.

A discussion on how to set up Incubator space in town, in alignment with UCONN and/or other institutions would be a long term benefit to the town.

8:30 AM Meeting Adjourned