

# Litchfield Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**  
Wednesday, May 29, 2013

## CALL TO ORDER

David Dean, EDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

## PRESENT

Regular members Renee Betar, Kay Carroll, David Dean, and Cleve Fuessenich were present. Alternates Mitchell Fishman was present. Regular members Judy Elliott and Alexander VandenBerg were absent. Alternates William Conti and Doug Parker were absent.

## APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mitchell Fishman was appointed for Alexander VandenBerg.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 2013 minutes was postponed. Kay Carroll noted that amendments made to minutes should be attached to minutes before members can approve minutes. Amendments will be added to the April minutes and presented to members for vote at the June 2013 EDC meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## UPDATE ON STOP & SHOP

Application was approved by Wetlands Commission. Developers will present plan and seek approval next from the Planning and Zoning Commission on June 3.

## NEW TOWN HALL

Decisions on new town hall replacement plan are on hold.

## UPDATE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ZONING REGULATIONS

Proposed changes to zoning regulations were tabled by P&Z Commission.

### UPDATE ON BOROUGH ELECTIONS

New board has met and is already handling activities.

### LITCHFIELD JAIL

David will check to see what is holding up the sale efforts.

### LITCHFIELD HILLS FOOD SYSTEMS

- 1) The last indoor farmers' market will be held on June 8 and the summer market at Center School Parking Lot will open on June 15.
- 2) Chamber farmers' market trail program is in full swing.
- 3) Hundreds of Litchfield County Kids Marathon participants will meet with Rod Dixon on June 8, Road Race weekend, at Plumb Hill fields to run their last mile of the 26-mile marathon program.

### TRANSITIONS

- 1) Showing of movie "Play Again" is scheduled for June 12.
- 2) A seed swap was organized and held indoors at recent Litchfield farmers' markets.

### NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

No report

### LABA

No report

### VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

Reports were made on various committees.

Of note:

- 1) Bantam P&Z – Wild Carrot Farm application for farm stand at Avalon Farms.
- 2) Cleve suggested that EDC develop a relationship with P & Z and other Commissions, similar to the relationship EDC has with the Conservation Committee.

### BANTAM NEWS:

Sam Tilly, owner of Mockingbird Restaurant at Tollgate Inn, is in the process of buying the Bantam Inn.

### LITCHFIELD NEWS

None

### NORTHFIELD NEWS

None

### OLD BUSINESS

Litchfield Film Commission efforts:

- 1) The town has received recent inquiries about filming in Litchfield.
- 2) Renee circulated information on the New London CT Film Commission as a suitable model for a potential Litchfield Film Commission.
- 3) A motion was made by Cleve and seconded by Mitchell authorizing David to write a letter to the Litchfield Board of Selectmen proposing a process to start development of a Litchfield Film Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Cleve shared a conversation he had with Jonathan Wilson to discuss exploration of a new collaboration/committee to promote business. LABA, EDC, NW Tourism and the boroughs, among other groups, could be represented on this new committee. A suggestion to invite Jonathan to the next EDC meeting for further discussion was made by Cleve. All agreed.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 26, 2013** at the Litchfield Town Hall at 7 pm.

### ADJOURNMENT

Kay Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Cleve Fuessenich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Betar, Acting Secretary  
Economic Development Commission  
David E. Dean, Chr.