

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014

Attendance: Geoff Cooper, chairperson; Neil Cook, Diane Marcuccio, Andre Benoit, Scott Blinkhorn, Ross Farrugia, Ulric Deojay, Andy Hadfield.

Absent: Betsy Chamberland, Judy Andrade.

Audience of Citizens: First Selectman Russell M. Gray, Craig Porter (Prospective client interested in Lot #2) & Coordinator, Sharon L. Chviek.

Meeting was called to Order by Geoff Cooper at 7:00pm.

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: Neil Cook made a motion to accept as written, seconded by Ross Farrugia and unanimously carried.

Approval of Coordinator's Report: Diane Marcuccio made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Neil Cook and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter to Mr. Berkowitz: Coordinator sent David B- copies of the streetcards from the latest Re-Val (2012). David responded to Coordinator by phone, stating that if we were to discuss ½ the land (30 acres instead of the 61) and double the price, then we could talk. (He did state that he is letting the issue go, of the 10 acres the Park's Emergency Access road goes through: he stated Probate could handle it when the time comes).

ReEnergy/D.E.E.P. application: According to conversation with Steve Mikutel, it is doubtful ReEnergy's application will get approved, to become a BioMass facility.

Incubator Site Work: Coordinator should pursue Dave Perrone and ask if he plans to do the excavation work, before any decisions are made to pursue someone else.

NEW BUSINESS:

Client/Lot #2: (As a courtesy to Craig Porter, he was allowed to do his presentation to the commission at the initial opening of the meeting.) His presentation: He is the sole owner of Cerreto Assoc., an electrical company currently located at 50 Pettingill Rd., Dayville, CT. Mr. Porter has been in business for 5 years with a partner, and has been a single owner for 1 ½ years. It is time for his business to move on, so it can grow. Mr. Porters' company currently has 4 employees, and will hire more as the business expands, catering to local people. Mr. Porter anticipates building a 10,000' building, to be used for office space, warehousing of his inventory, and placement of equipment, indoors. Cerreto Assoc. would make Sterling's location an Operation Center for their Specialized Lighting. His company handles work in CT., MA., R.I., and N.H., and Sterling seems to be centrally located to these states. The company provides parking lot lighting to some of the largest real estate companies in the U.S., and also provide Utility services to major power companies. Mr. Porter is researching the site development costs for lot #2, and will come back to the commission once he determines a price offer. The proposal to accept this company for consideration to the Park was unanimous by the commission.

Client/Phase II land: Bill Lowry of R.I., is requesting 12-20 acres of land on which to do a "Wood to Shavings" business. Before we can go any further with Mr. Lowry, the Town's Wetlands Enforcement Agent will review all of the Phase II land.

I-Park Expansion: Coordinator reviewing many town-owned properties.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Scott Blinkhorn, seconded by Andre Benoit, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sharon I. Chviek, Ec. Dev. Coord., & Recording Secretary

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