

Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes of **October 13, 2015**

**Attendance:** Geoffrey Cooper, Neil Cook, Andre Benoit, Ric Deojay, Scott Blinkhorn, Cindy Donall, Ross Farrugia, Judy Andrade.

**Absent:** Andrew Hadfield

**Audience of Citizens:** First Selectman Russell M. Gray and Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator.

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

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** C. Donall made a motion, seconded by J. Andrade to accept as written the 8/11/2015 regular meeting minutes, and the 8/20/2015 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**I-Park Wetlands Issue – Lot #16:** First Selectman Russell Gray informed the commission a half report was received from Robert Russo, an independent soil scientist of CLA Engineering located in Norwich. With this additional information the town has four different wetland maps for the same Lot #16 all detailing different results. R. Gray informed the commission he will ask the town attorney whether or not the town can use the original state map as its official wetland record regarding Lot #16.

**Review Additions/Deletions to the Sterling Industrial Park Covenants:** All members of the Economic Development Commission reviewed the updated Covenants. Discussion was held regarding the amendments. J. Andrade made a motion, seconded by R. Deojay to amend the covenants as discussed and record in the town clerk office, all voted in favor of the motion.

**Review and Discuss Sewer Exemption Hook-up Fee:** Prior grant funding allowed the sewer exemption to apply to lots in the Phase 1 Industrial Park development, all other lots would be required to pay the sewer hook-up from property lines. More information was requested by the commission. C. Donall made a motion, seconded by N. Cook to table this discussion until further information is available, all voted in favor.

**Lot 30AA and Lot IP16 – Renewable Ventures, LLC Proposal to Lease:** R. Gray has not heard back regarding any further discussions or proposals with Renewable Ventures LLC. This item will be removed from the agenda until further interest is shown in moving forward with the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduction New Economic Coordinator:** Commission members welcomed Patricia Ball as the new part-time Economic Development Coordinator.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by N. Cook, seconded by A. Benoit to adjourn at 7:40 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Ball  
Economic Development Coordinator, Sterling