

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **February 9, 2016**

Attendance: Scott Blinkhorn, Neil Cook, Geoffrey Cooper, Ulric Deojay, James Filice, Andrew Hadfield. **Absent:** Judy Andrade, Andre Benoit, Cindy Donall, Ross Farrugia.

Staff present – Russell Gray and Patricia Ball

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Geoffrey Cooper at 7:26 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by N. Cook to accept as written the 12/8/2015 regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Mission of the Commission: Due to the number of absences of commission members, N. Cook made a motion to table this item, seconded by A. Hadfield. All voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Current Town Owned Rental Properties: The town currently oversees four rental properties, the Jordan Community Center located at 50 Main Street, the Incubator Building located at 110 Industrial Park Road, the Cell Tower located in the Industrial Park, and 1110 Plainfield Pike. The building at 1110 Plainfield Pike will be available as of March 1, 2016. The commission members discussed the potential usage of the buildings at 50 Main Street and 1110 Plainfield Pike with the possibility of the town selling sometime in the future. U. Deojay asked if at all possible to lease to a medical facility since it would benefit the town and residents. P. Ball will look into this further.

b. Town Property Review: The commission members discussed ideas for economic development. U. Deojay would like to see if grant funding is available for cleaning up the Oneco and Sterling town ponds. S. Blinkhorn mentioned the Land Acquisition Fund, and asked if there is the possibility of the fund being used to help steer economic development. The commission members agree the town would be best suited to specialized businesses and if at all possible to utilize the current resources, such as the state forest, to promote outdoor recreational activities.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

a. R. Gray reported Charlie Corson may be interested in purchasing land in the Phase II section of the Industrial Park. The acreage of the specific area C. Corson is interested in is not yet known and would need to be appraised. A. Hadfield made a motion to have P. Ball have the land appraised, seconded by N. Cook. All voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by N. Cook, seconded by S. Blinkhorn to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by,

Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator