

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **June 9, 2015**

Attendance: Geoff Cooper, Andre Benoit, Scott Blinkhorn, Neil Cook, Cindy Donall, Ross Farrugia, and Andrew Hatfield.

Absent: Ulric Deojay, Judith Andrade, and Ernest Bessette.

Audience of Citizens: Russell Gray and Dale Boisselle.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Geoff Cooper at 7:01pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: C. Donall made a motion, seconded by N. Cook to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

I-Park Wetlands Issue – Lot #16: To date, the Town has not received a report from Robert Russo, an independent soil scientist of CLA Engineering located in Norwich. First Selectman Gray will contact R. Russo inquiring when the Town will be receiving the report. N. Cook made a motion, seconded by A. Benoit to table this issue until next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lot #7 – Sterling Industrial Park: Clark Patterson has paid off Lot #7 and has expressed interest in purchasing the additional acre from the adjoining lot (Lot #13). He would like the same deal he had for the purchase of the initial lot, to lease with the option to buy at \$15,000 per acre; a deposit would be required to hold the land. C. Patterson has “First Right of Refusal” on that acre of land. R. Gray shall check with C. Patterson regarding this additional land and confirm that the land he is interested in is the one acre that was originally part of Lot #7 and is now part of Lot #13. C. Patterson would use this additional acre to move some of his large equipment from New Hampshire and store it on the site.

Lot #13- Westside Oil: R. Gray and G. Cooper met with Alan Couture of Westside Oil who expressed interest in purchasing Lot #13. The lot is currently 3.2 acres; however, if the sale goes through with Mr. Patterson (Lot #7) the lot would be reduced to 2.2 acres. Westside Oil would like to purchase one (1) acre of land; however, the Economic Development Covenants states that lots be at least 1.8 acres. The possibility of another lot fitting their needs was also discussed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1) R. Gray contacted E. Bessette regarding his interest in renewing his appointment to the Commission. At this time his work schedule has made it difficult to attend meetings and he has declined renewal.

2) Discussion was held regarding the Economic Development Covenants. It has come to staff’s attention that the full Covenants have not been entered into the Town of Sterling land records; some amendments and additions throughout the years have been recorded. There was a brief discussion and a complete version of the Covenants will be presented for approval by the Commission and recorded into the Town of Sterling land records with the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by N. Cook, seconded by A. Benoit to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Dale Boisselle, General Office Assistant