

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **August 8, 2017**

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

Staff present – Russell Gray and Patricia Ball

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: R. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by S. Blinkhorn to accept as written the 4/11/2017 regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of drainage issues within the Industrial Park: G. Cooper informed the commission he was able to clear some leaves and brush from the catch basin in April. He decided to wait for colder weather when there is a reduced risk of any issues with ticks to continue to clear trees from the around the retention pond. The commission will look for volunteers again in October or November to continue with this project.

b. Incubator Site driveway expansion: P. Ball informed the commission the technical specifications for Phase 1 of the driveway expansion project have been completed. S. Blinkhorn made a motion, seconded by U. Deojay to put the Phase 1 Driveway Expansion Project at the Incubator Site out to bid. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Review appraisal 31 Hungry Hill Road: U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by S. Blinkhorn to put property out to bid, with right to refuse any and all bids, pending approval of both a town meeting and vote approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Review appraisal 50 Main Street / Community Center: Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Recommendations from Realtor regarding 1114 Plainfield Pike: P. Ball informed the commission it may be more beneficial to the town to sell both 1110 Plainfield Pike and 1114 Plainfield Pike together due to recommendations from the realtor. U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by A. Benoit to offer both parcels to the abutting property owners as an all or none deal before marketing the property with a realtor, with right to refuse any and all bids, pending approval of both a town meeting and vote approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by U. Deojay, seconded by N. Cook to adjourn at 7:57 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by,

Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator