

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **September 10, 2019**

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

Staff present – Russell Gray and Patricia Ball

Audience of Citizens: Jeff Joslyn and Craig Stevenson

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Geoffrey Cooper at 7:02 pm.

U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by R. Farrugia to move New Business ahead of Approval of minutes as a courtesy to the audience of citizens. All voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Solar project presentation with Southern Sky Renewable Energy: Craig Stevenson presented to the commission Southern Sky Renewable Energy's plan to develop a solar project in Plainfield and Sterling. The solar project includes approximately 150 acres in Plainfield and eight acres in Sterling. Mr. Stevenson is requesting a letter to present to the Connecticut Siting Council with Southern Sky Renewable Energy's application stating that the Town of Sterling is acceptable to the project. The commission members were shown a PowerPoint presentation detailing the location of the solar panels. C. Stevenson also discussed the availability of Virtual Net Metering and the possibility this may offer energy credits to the town which could offset the town's electricity costs. U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by R. Farrugia, to approve the letter endorsing the solar project and recommend to the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen that the letter be endorsed and presented as part of the application to the Connecticut Siting Council. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Industrial Park Lot #6: Jeff Joslyn presented to the commission his interest in purchasing Lot #6 in the Sterling Industrial Park. Mr. Joslyn is currently the owner of Lot #7 and wishes to expand the property for his business Rock Solid Solutions. Mr. Joslyn is offering to pay \$24,000 for the lot. U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by S. Blinkhorn, to accept the \$24,000 offer presented by J. Joslyn and recommend the sale to the Board of Selectmen.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by R. Farrugia to accept as written the 4/09/2019 regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by J. Andrade, seconded by U. Deojay to adjourn at 8:05 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by,

Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator