

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **August 8th, 2023**

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Geoffrey Cooper.

Members' Present: Scott Blinkhorn, Marlene Cook, Geoffrey Cooper, Ross Farrugia, Steve Hebner, Mark Jordan, Lincoln Cooper; First Selectman (ex-officio) till 7:00PM

Members' Absent: Judy Andrade, Tom O'Brien

Staff Present: Victoria Robinson-Lewis; P&Z Officer

Audience of Citizens: Frank Bood; P&Z Chairman, Bruce Hayn representing Guy Mozzicato, Tim O'Brien; Weatogue Powder & Detotec, Jim Larkin; NECCOG, & Jeff Joslyn; Lot #6 of the Industrial Park

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: R. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by Mark Jordan to accept, as written, the June 13th, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Leases/Documents for the Incubator Building: R. Bein mailed the commission copies of the two leases; Detotec & Westmark and a copy of the Grant paperwork that was used for the Incubator Building. R. Bein has been in contact with Michael Baker of Westmark, he is on vacation and will not be attending this meeting. M. Baker will be attending next month's monthly meeting. Tim O'Brien spoke, mentioning he does store plastics, equipment, plastics that are used for manufacturing, and some furniture in the Incubator Building. The commission asked questions. There was a discussion. R. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by Mark Jordan to table till next month's meeting. All voted in favor of this motion.

b. Covenants, 2 Properties of Pure Hedge: R. Bein reported to the commission that she did not write a letter to send to Valentina Solomita per the previous monthly meeting's motion. The two pieces of properties; 10 acres on Sterling Road and 61.18 acres on Main Street, these properties owned by V. Solomita are not located in the Industrial Park and therefore do not have to follow the covenants per having a building on the two properties. S. Hebner made a motion, seconded by S. Blinkhorn, to remove this from the agenda. All voted in favor of this motion, one member not voting.

c. New EDC Members: R. Bein mentioned there are two open vacancies for the EDC commission. There was discussion. R. Bein will contact the Town Clerk and Holly Wood to have it posted on social media and posted on the board out front. S. Hebner made a motion, seconded by M. Cook, to table till next meeting. All voted in favor of this motion.

New Business:

a. Phase II: There was discussion. R. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by S. Hebner to have R. Bein contact Boundaries to see about subdividing Phase II. All voted in favor of this motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:

a. Plans to sell Town owned Land: There was discussion. Jim Larkin from NECCOG spoke and explained how the Planning of Conservation & Development is to be tied into the sale of town land, he also handed out a procedure of an 8-24 referral. Frank Bood of P&Z mentioned there will be a Tri-board meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Planning & Zoning, and the EDC on September 25th, time to be determined. There was discussion.

b. Letter of Interest Lot #16: R. Bein handed out a letter of interest that she received from Guy Mozzicato. There was discussion. R. Bein will contact the Town Attorney to see about the dimensional requirements. M. Jordan made a motion, seconded by R. Farrugia to accept, and move forward with the letter of interest as presented for the balance of Lot #16 minus the 40,000 square feet, pending on a Site Map.

Adjournment: S. Blinkhorn made a motion, seconded by S. Hebner, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Renee Bein, Economic Development Commission Coordinator