

TOWN OF DURHAM

Economic Development Commission P.O. Box 428 Durham, CT 06422

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the EDC was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at the library lower level, both the Chair, Rick Hanley, and the Secretary, Carl Montagano, being present. The chair welcomed the group at approximately 7:15pm.

2. Roll Call

The following board members were also present: Peter Cascini, Gary Sheldon, Ona McLaughlin and Diana McCain. Jerry Lipchus was absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for EDC meeting on 1/22 were approved unanimously.

4. Correspondence

None discussed

5. Old Business

- **Budget Update: Rick Hanley:** The following 2008 EDC budget was approved by the Board of Finance:
 - Consultants: \$3,750
 - CERC Dues: \$650
 - Postage: \$250
 - Miscellaneous: \$1,000
- **Town of Durham web site update: Jerry Lipchus:** This topic was deferred in Jerry's absence.
- **Relationship with Durham Fair: Rick Hanley:** Rick moved that the group form a 3 person subcommittee to develop a proposal, and present back to the EDC the following: Opportunities to work with the Durham Fair and existing town businesses via an event. The motion was approved unanimously. Rick appointed Gary Sheldon as sub-committee chair, with Diana and Peter as subcommittee members.
- **EDC Strategy: Rick Hanley:** Rick will be scheduling a special meeting to finalize the strategy with Brian and stakeholders.

6. New Business

- **Electing a Vice Chair: Carl Montagano:** Carl recommended the election of a vice chair

so meetings can occur in the chair's absence. A motion was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to elect Peter Cascini as Vice Chair.

- Ona asked Rick to research when folks terms are up and whether a new chair is to be elected/appointed. Rick to research.
- **Horse Crematorium: Rick Hanley:** Rick advised that Dominic Gambardella (203-627-0633) is pursuing the development of a large animal crematorium. Rick will reach out to Dominic to invite him to a future meeting, to better understand the business, and to see what his needs are, and to allow the group to ask him questions.
- Rick Parmalee addressed the committee: Mr. Parmalee advised he was disappointed that the committee was silent re: the "Silver Eagle Project". He also advised that we need to work harder to both retain and attract businesses. Peter Cascini advised that both he and Jerry Lipchus spoke as members of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce at a chamber meeting re: the project.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Next Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM, on April 22nd at the Durham Library, Lower level.

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