

TOWN OF DURHAM

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

**May 27, 2008
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the EDC was held on Tuesday, May 27, 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 additional board members were also present: Hugh Curley, Ona Mclaughlin, Diana McCain and Peter Cascini. Gary Sheldon was absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for EDC meetings on 4/22 were approved. Hugh and Diana abstained, as they were absent from that meeting.

4. Correspondence

None discussed

5. Old Business

- **Budget Update: Rick Hanley:** The 2008 EDC budget of \$5,650 has passes, and is effective 7/1/08.
- **Town of Durham web site update:** No update, but there is a seminar on 6/5 sponsored by CEDAS, on the CERC website. (\$50). Carl to follow up re: attendance from Town.
- **Existing Town Business Subcommittee: Gary Sheldon:** Deferred in Gary's absence. Hugh suggested using those who file a schedule C(over 600) to start a list.
- **EDC Strategy: Rick Hanley:** Rick to produce bound copies. advised the strategy has been forwarded to the 1st Selectwoman, for review at a future BOS meeting.

6. New Business

- Attaching a brand image to Durham: Rick

Rick asked the group to start thinking about what we want the town to be, and what images would fit. (this most likely would fit as part of an overall marketing strategy)

- Horse Crematory: Hugh

Hugh advised there was a public hearing scheduled for next P&Z meeting, re: new location on Commerce Drive.

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7. Public Session: Joe Pasquale addressed the committee. Joe recommended the EDC develop criteria in order to endorse a potential business. Joe also recommended that the EDC and P&Z have some intermingling.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM, on June 24th at the Durham Library, Lower level.

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