

TOWN OF DURHAM

Economic Development Commission

P.O. Box 428

Durham, CT 06422

Durham Library, Lower level, 7pm

8/26/08 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Peter Cascini, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05pm

2. Roll Call

The following members were in attendance: Ona McLaughlin, Diana McCain, Hugh Curley, and Carl Montagano. Gary Sheldon and Rick Hanley were absent.

3. Amendments & Approval of Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

4. Approval of minutes (7/22)

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of 7/22. Diana McCain abstained.

5. Correspondence to EDC

Anticipating his absence, Rick Hanley provided his updates below via email.

6. Old Business

- Existing Business Subcommittee Update: Gary Sheldon. No update.
- EDC Document Storage in Town Hall: Rick Hanley advised via email that he has made arrangements with Beth Moncata to have files created for EDC in her office and will be forwarding all material to her in the coming weeks.
- Status of CERC consulting contract: Rick advised via email that the agreement was reviewed by town council and forwarded to the Selectmen to be signed.
- Status of SiteFinder agreement: Rick advised via email that he has located the application from CERC and will forward the completed application to the Finance Director for payment.
- Sale of Lake Grove School property : Workgroup (Rick/Laura Francis). Rick advised that the town counsel (attorney) has advised against membership by P&Z and Inland Wetlands membership on the committee to study future use of Lake Grove School. Hugh advised there might be a state program (STEEP) that may offer assistance in feasibility studies of potential commercial/industrial property development. Ona motioned and the group unanimously approved selecting Hugh and Peter as point persons for the fact-finding workgroup. Laura Francis advised she would provide

direction on the mission/scope of the workgroup.

- EDC membership and future members/officers: The group will vote on a new slate of officers at the October regular meeting.(Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary).

7. New Business

- The September regular meeting is cancelled due to the proximity to the Durham Fair.
- Ona and Laura will work jointly on a way to promote new town businesses.

8. Public Comment

- Joe Pasquale addressed the committee re: The Lake Grove Property Workgroup. Joe raised concerns over appearing to assist one particular property owner with the sale of his property. Joe also urged the committee to involve the community right from the start.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

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