

Durham Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

Call to order

Alana Simlick called to order the regular meeting of the Durham Economic Development Commission at 7:04 on March 8, 2016 at The Durham Activity Center, 350 Main Street, Durham CT 06422.

Roll call

Alana Simlick conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Janet Morganti, Christine Geraci, Kim Ryder, Alana Simlick., Tom Stephan, Kim Terrill, and Vicki Ann Iaccarino.

Others Present: Frank DeFelice, Duncan Milne.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kim Terrill made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Ryder and unanimously accepted.

Correspondence

- a) The Discover Durham brochure is ready to print and will be distributed to area businesses, including Lyman's Orchards and The Durham Farmers market.

Old business

- a) There was further discussion of identifying sections of Durham that would be suitable for mixed use for the EDC chapter of the PoCD. Frank DeFelice, chairperson for Durham P and Z, was on hand to answer some of our questions concerning mixed use, spot zoning and regulations for home occupations. Frank explained the process by which changes in zoning occur. Not all members had a clean, current copy of the PoCD. Therefore, further discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- b) Further discussion about an EDC presence at the Durham fair. Vicki Iaccarino will look into it.

New Business

- a) Several commission members attended the business networking breakfast at the Durham Firehouse, **(DATE OF BREAKFAST ?)** presented by the Office of the First Selectman and thought it was informative and well done.
- b) Proposal of a Christmas tree farm brochure was made and will be discussed further.
- c) The Farmers Market is very popular but parking can be an issue. Discussed possibility of a better location.
- d) A suggestion was made to have an Economic Development representative from a neighboring town come to speak to us, preferably for free. This will be explored further.

Adjournment

Alana Simlick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Motion seconded by Kim Terrill. Motion approved unanimously. The next meeting will be held in the Durham Activity Center on March 22, 2016 beginning at 7pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janet Morganti