

## ***Durham Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes***

April 12, 2016

### **Call to order**

Chair Alana Simlick called to order the special meeting of the Durham Economic Development Commission at 7:05 pm on April 12, 2016 at The Durham Activity Center, 350 Main Street, Durham, CT 06422.

### **Roll call**

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

**Absent:** Kim Terrill and Vicki Iaccarino.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Kim Ryder, seconded by Christine Geraci to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2016 as written. Motion unanimously accepted. A motion was made by Tom Stephan and seconded by Kim Ryder to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2016 special meeting with the correction that Kim Terrill was present. Motion unanimously accepted.

### **Correspondence**

- a) The EDC received a letter from a perspective pizza restaurant owner inquiring about the TD Bank building at 331 Main Street. Alana S. reached out to the owner of the building, but did not receive an answer.

### **Old Business**

- a) Distribution of the Discover Durham brochures was discussed. They are currently available at a few local businesses as well as the Town Hall. Tom was going to look into putting them at local rest stops.

### **New Business**

- a) The EDC webpage on the Town of Durham website will be getting a face lift. There will be a new landing page and a section where available commercial and industrial property listings will be visible. We would like to eventually add a guide to opening a business in Durham, events, EDC email address, Facebook page
- b) Christine G. mentioned doing joint events with other towns and possibly charge a small fee.
- c) EDC socials to introduce businesses and share ideas. Morning and/or meetings suggested.
- d) Tours of Historical Society Building, Passport to Durham in conjunction with Fall Fest, Passport to historic homes.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Alana Simlick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion was made by Kim Ryder, seconded by Christine Geraci and approved unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7pm at the Durham Activity Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janet Morganti