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Durham Economic Development Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Call to order

Chair Alana Adams Simlick called to order the meeting of the Durham Economic Development Commission at 7:10 pm on October 18, 2016 at The Durham Activity Center, 350 Main Street, Durham, CT 06422.

Roll call

Chair Alana Adams Simlick conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Vicki Iaccarino, Janet Morganti, Alana Adams Simlick, Tom Stephan and Kim Terrill.

First Selectman Laura Francis was present for this special meeting.

Absent: Christine Geraci and Kim Ryder.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kim Terrill, seconded by Vicki Iaccarino to accept the minutes of July 12, 2016 meeting as written. Motion unanimously accepted.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

The Economic Development Section of the new POCD was discussed and clarified for members of this commission. Laura Francis offered some ideas of how to “market” Durham to the rest of the state and visitors. Economic development of Durham is a way to improve the quality of life for our citizens, provide needed services and improve on what we already have.

A suggestion for members of the Durham EDC to attend monthly meetings with other EDC members from surrounding towns was discussed.

CERC training classes (Connecticut Economic Resource Center) was another suggestion to give us new ideas of how to go forward. An invitation for members of other town commissions and elected officials will be extended. We would like to set this up for January 2017.

Talking to surrounding business owners of how they can use other local businesses to achieve their business goals was discussed.

A survey of Durham citizens and Economic Development was performed by UCONN Public Administration graduate student Storm Lawrence and it will be reviewed by the EDC.

Adjournment

Chair Alana Adams Simlick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion was made by Kim Terrill, seconded by Tom Stephan and approved unanimously. The next special meeting will be held on November 15, 2016 at 7pm. Location to be determined.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janet Morganti