

COVENTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, Town Hall Conf. Rm. B

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:05PM. Members present were Sondra Stave, Bill Jobbagy, Alex Konigsberg, Mark Lavitt and Tim Liptrap. Members absent were: Carol Polsky, Sam Belsito and Barbara Barry- excused; Dick Giggey - unexcused. Staff present were John Elsesser and Eric Trott.

A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Alex to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting. The motion, with no corrections, was approved unanimously.

Reports:

The next meeting of the Farmers market subcommittee will be February 1st, and at that time, the work of the committee will be transferred to the new Market Governing body appointed by the Town Council.

The Winter Market is doing well with consistent attendance, and the vendors are pleased.

We are still waiting for the State contract for the Route 31 curve project. One property owner has not signed their easement. The contractors are ready to start.

The Library expansion committee continues its work. Discussions are ongoing with the Town Council regarding finances. Ownership of the building is also being discussed.

The Town Manager is meeting with Bolton regarding the sewer extension and the term needed for a tie in.

CTFastrack is looking into bus service from Hartford to UConn. The options include Rt. 84 to Rt. 195 and Rt. 44.

A new soccer field is planned for Laidlaw Park. The athletic groups are contributing funds for the project and two local businesses will contribute time and equipment.

New Business:

The EDC Marketing toolkit is being updated and will be ready next month.

The next small business forum will be February 19th at 7:30 in the annex and will cover "Search engine optimization".

A Village business information letter and public session will be conducted to inform the Village businesses and residents on the details of the Route 31 curve project. Date will be established once the State signs the construction contract.

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New Business (Continued)

The next small business forum is being planned and will address the Farmers Market and its connection to local businesses.

We will contact the Library to investigate cooperative programs for small businesses.

EDC members are asked to provide questions for a survey to local businesses regarding "What can the town do to help your business".

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 by Tim and seconded by Alex. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting is February 25, 2016 in the town hall conference room B.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Jobbagy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "W" and "J".

Bill Jobbagy
Vice-Chair