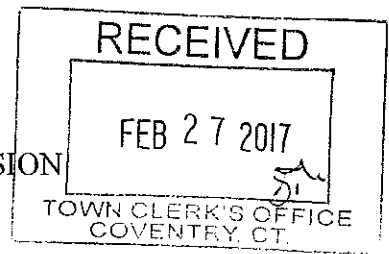


COVENTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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February 23, 2017, Town Hall Conference Room B



Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:07PM. Members present were Sondra Stave, Bill Jobbagy, Tim Liptrap, Dick Giggey Alex Konigsberg, Carol Polsky, and Mark Lavitt who arrived at 7:12. Members absent- Sam Belsito and Barbara Barry. Staff present were Eric Trott and John Elsesser.

A motion was made by Tim Liptrap and seconded by Alex Konigsberg to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting. The motion, with no corrections, was approved by all except Dick Giggey who abstained.

Sondra noted that discussions are still ongoing on the Library expansion and there may be a referendum this May regarding the project funding.

Bill reported that DECD is holding a Connecticut Economic Development Forum in Hartford on March 21st and he will attend and report back to the EDC.

John reported that the Bolton sewer connection is still under discussion. A study is needed for capacity, infrastructure and costs. The town and/or WPCA will have to contribute to the cost of this study.

The Business Survey is complete. The most prominent result was that local businesses want continued workshops and education particularly regarding advertising and marketing. A plan is being formulated for a social media workshop in May and a possible follow-up in June.

The EDC will continue business visitations with the following planned in the near future: Wicked Pizza, BizTech, Maple Brook Studio, Nathan Hale Antiques, Edmondson Farm, Francesca's. Discussions will center around business plans, town assistance and the like.

Eric reported that he has contacted some target properties regarding future development. The current owner of the Coventry Antiques building at Main St. and Rt. 275 will consider plans for development once the curve project is completed. There is some contamination remediation required. Other contacts were attempted for Coventry Corners, Your Store and the Colvest property behind Dunkin Donuts, but there has been no response as yet.

Eric also reported that some initial work will be done on target site mapping and the commercial node on the Bolton town line.

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Eric reported that the planning for the 2017 Farmers Market is in process. The calendar of events is working. Opening day is June 4th. Also on June 11th, the Hale Homestead will be holding a ribbon cutting on their renovated barns which will provide opportunities for more events on the site.

A motion was made at 8:45 to adjourn by Tim Liptrap and seconded by Alex Konigsberg.

The next meeting is March 23, 2017 in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Jobbagy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Jobbagy
Vice-Chair