

COVENTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2016, Town Hall Conference Room B

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:10PM. Members present were Sondra Stave, Bill Jobbagy, Mark Lavitt, Carol Polsky, Dick Giggey, Sam Belsito and Tim Liptrap. Barbara Barry was absent (excused). Alex Konigsberg was absent (unexcused). Staff present were Eric Trott and John Elsesser (who arrived at 8:25).

A motion was made by Tim Liptrap and seconded by Carol Polsky to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting. The motion, with no corrections, was approved by all in attendance.

Sondra reported that the library expansion committee met with the Town Council and no action was taken. The issue may be revisited in the future.

Sondra and Eric noted that the Farmers Market is operating very successfully with good attendance and pleased vendors. Connecticut magazine in the September issue noted the market in the best in the State. Planning for the winter market has started by the same volunteers as ran the market last year.

Eric's Report:

The Business Survey has been delayed but will be presented in September.

The CERC Strategic Planning session will be held at the next EDC meeting September 22. Members are urged to review the questions beforehand.

The "Welcome To Coventry" brochure has been updated with help from the summer intern, and will be distributed.

The "Arts in Coventry" brochure was presented. The group has a strategic vision for arts in the community and is well represented by town residents. A public forum is planned for September 10th at Patriots Park.

The EDC agreed by consensus to nominate the Farmers Market for the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce annual business award.

A discussion was had regarding a company that offered to prepare a "new resident package" sponsored by local businesses. It was thought that the business listings on the town's website and social media would be adequate instead of a new "paper" package.

The Coventry Corners site on the corner of Main Street and Stonehouse Road is for sale. The town will consider a land swap to give the site more area on Stonehouse Road as a potential for expansion.

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John's report:

John and the committee discussed, at length, the issue of sewer capacity and its effect on future development. The facility is nearing capacity when the promised future connections are included. The WPCA is looking at this issue and gathering facts for options for future expansion or a connection to Willimantic. The options are complex and involve the State regulatory agencies. The EDC is looking forward to a future consortium meeting regarding use of the present facility and potential changes.

Eric reported that the State has turned over ownership of 272 acres of land to the town, at no cost, that it acquired many years ago for the Route 6 project. The land will be dedicated open space.

A motion was made at 9:20 to adjourn by Tim Liptrap and seconded by Dick Giggey.

The next meeting is September 22, 2016 in the Town Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Jobbagy
Vice-Chair