

BOLTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Notch Road Municipal Center, 104 Notch Road, Bolton, CT
JUNE 27, 2012
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES & MOTIONS (Unapproved)

Members Present: Vice-Chair Cathy Teller; Neal Kerr; Scott Rich

Members Excused: Jeanne Webb; Pattie LeBrun (Alternate)

Staff Present: Linda McDonald, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to Order: C. Teller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Approval /Modification of Minutes of May 22, 2012 meeting: N. Kerr MOVED to APPROVE the meeting minutes of May 22, 2012 as presented. S. Rich SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.
- III. Public Comment/Introduction of Guests: None
- IV. On-going Business
 - A. Commission Members' Reports
 1. Route 6 REDC: C. Teller reported the zoning regulations subcommittee had a meeting
 2. Route 44: C. Teller reported the PZC held a public hearing for the Route 44 corridor regulation amendments. N. Kerr reported that John Pagini made several changes to the amendments based on public comment at the June 13, 2012 PZC public hearing. Discussion followed on incentive housing in this plan. C. Teller will look into the State requirements for incentive housing development. C. Teller said the town has struggled with affordable housing, especially for seniors. N. Kerr said the town's hands are tied once the money is taken from the State, having to follow their housing requirements and the town loses control. N. Kerr said hundreds of apartments could be built along the Route 44 corridor. Discussion flowed on the Cider Mill plan.
 3. P&Z Activities: Most of the focus of the PZC has been centered on the zoning regulation amendments.
 4. Bolton Business Yellow Pages: N. Kerr said this is still on hold.
 5. DECD Event: C. Teller reported on the June 12, 2012 event and commented on the information handed out at the event. She said discussion at the event was about the matching grants and small business loans for the three year period. There are tax credits for

hiring an employee within one year of participation in the program. N. Kerr said he looked into the program and found the paperwork to be very time-consuming. Discussion followed on the different aspects of the program. C. Teller said there has been increasing interest in the program and monies are beginning to be distributed to applicants. Discussion followed on the "First Five" program instituted by the State.

C. Teller commented on the example of signage for the Bolton Heritage Farm and the associated cost estimates.

B. Outreach: C. Teller reported she has contacted The Tiger's Run to offer the EDC's help with their ribbon cutting ceremony and has begun to reach out to business owners along the Route 44 corridor targeted for development to invite them to a future EDC meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Route 44 study.

V. New Business

A. Agricultural Products Pamphlet: The Open Space Committee would like to create a pamphlet to highlight Bolton-produced agricultural products but does not have the funds to cover costs. Joyce Stille suggested the committee work with the EDC on this project. Discussion followed.

B. CT Main Street Center workshops: C. Teller reported that Bolton resident Sandra Pierog mentioned the CT Main Street Center workshops. C. Teller will go on the website to get more information to possibly invite the group to speak at a future EDC meeting.

C. Teller reported on the end of the year budget provided to the members. Unspent money from the budget will be transferred to the Economic Development Fund for signage.

VI. Announcements

A. Next EDC Regular Meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center.

C. Teller reported that Bolton Town Clerk Susan Depold sent a letter to the Commission that election of officers takes place in July. Discussion followed.

VII. Adjournment: C. Teller MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:55 p.m. S. Rich SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald, Recording Secretary

Bolton EDC 6/27/12 Unapproved Minutes