

Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2012

Present: Steve Santino  
Brian Donahue  
Ed Shapiro  
Brian Kennedy

Also Present: Mark Christiansen

A. Preliminary Business

1. Call to Order. Chairman Santino called the Economic Development Commission Regular Meeting of January 10, 2012 to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes. Mr. Santino asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the December 5, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION: Ed Shapiro moved to approve the December 5, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Commission, as presented.  
Seconded by Brian Kennedy. (4-0) Unanimous

3. Delegations. There were no delegations.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

B. Reports

1. Ex-officio Report. Mr. Wilson was unable to be present, and there was no ex-officio report.
2. Chairman's Report. Mr. Santino would like to cancel the February 14 Meeting and reschedule it to February 7 at 7 p.m. There was a general consensus to meet on February 7 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Santino agreed to invite Tony Sheridan, Christy Hammond, Dave LeBrie and Gary Goeschel as guests for upcoming meetings.

3. Presentation of Bills. The Recording Secretary presented a bill for 2.50 hours of secretarial work from December 5, 2011 to January 4, 2012.

MOTION: Mr. Shapiro moved to pay the bill from the Recording Secretary for 2.5 hours of secretarial services from December 5, 2011 to January 4, 2012.

Seconded by Mr. Donahue. (4-0) Unanimous.

C. Old Business

1. Agri-Business Committee. Mr. Christiansen reported he received an email from Tom Migdalski of Yale who agreed to send our request to its Property Review Committee well in advance of the October Trail Ride. The 2012 Trail Ride will be advertised earlier. Mr. Christensen joined the Connecticut Horse Council, an organization that promotes trail rides.

Mr. Shapiro suggested contacting David LeBrie who advertises upcoming events on the web.

Mr. Christiansen stated the Agri-Business Committee is comparing backyard chicken regulations with other towns' regulations to present to the East Lyme Zoning Commission.

The summer Farmer's Market has been a great success.

We now have horse signs on Grassy Hill and Walnut Hill roads.

Mr. Kalal visited various towns and took photos of farm signage and brought them to the Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission has agreed to continue working on this matter by subcommittee.

The Agri-Business Committee grant proposal requesting \$4,000 has been submitted.

A resident attended an Agri-Business Subcommittee Meeting requesting help with setting up a vegetable and flower greenhouse.

2. Budget. Mr. Santino informed the Commission he received input from Anna Johnson, Finance Director, who has asked that our budget remain the same as last year.

MOTION: Mr. Shapiro moved to approve the proposed  
Operating Budget for the Economic Development  
Commission for fiscal year 2012/2013 in the amount  
of \$5,900. Seconded by Mr. Donahue. (4-0)  
Unanimous

D. New Business

1. Open Discussion. Mr. Donahue felt this Commission should consider additional ways to draw individuals to East Lyme businesses. He expressed concern with relying merely on the Children's Museum and the movie theatre.

Mr. Shapiro stated the beach under the Boardwalk is being rebuilt and will draw individuals to East Lyme. He suggested dining facilities and antique shops that appeal to individuals who wish to be by the sea.

Mr. Kennedy stated he has been looking at hiking trails and found none listed for East Lyme. He also discovered that no East Lyme hiking trails are listed under Connecticut Hiking Trails. Mr. Shapiro stated he would like to see a trail from Niantic to Flanders through Oswegatchie Hills.

MOTION: Mr. Gada moved to adjourn the January 10, 2012  
Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by  
Mr. Kennedy. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary