

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM**

**Attending members:** Bob Pulford, Kathy Williams, Brian Johnson, Kevin Noblet (joined at 7:20), and Tim Deschenes-Desmond. Also present were Don Stein, First Selectman, and Norman Bird and Ray Pech, who presented the Long-Term Recovery Team activities.

No members of the public attended the meeting

**Review of minutes:** On a motion by Kathy Williams, seconded by Bob Pulford, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the April 2, 2020 special meeting were approved. On a motion by Tim Deschenes-Desmond, seconded by Brian Johnson, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the April 15, 2020 special meeting were approved.

**Discussion:**

- Long Term Recovery Team – Norman Bird presented a PowerPoint with the status of the COVID activities in Town and the work being done by the Long Term Recovery group to reach out to the businesses in Town to offer assistance with State requirements and to provide PPE that was being made available by the State.
- Tourist Map – Kevin Noblet reported that he would be getting the high resolution map and text and that he would work with Don Stein and the developer of the new town website to integrate the graphics into the website.
- **Welcome Kits** –Kathy Williams reported that she had put this initiative on hold based on the current public health situation.
- **Other Initiatives** – Don Stein informed the members that discussions with the owner of Mallory Brook Plaza is moving forward with the plan to run the sewer lines down Old New Hartford Road. The Winsted Sewer Commission gave a preliminary approval to this plan, and cost sharing of major capital costs and other details are being worked out. The Town's Water Pollution Control Authority (Inland Wetlands Commission) and the Board of Selectman authorized Don Stein to sign the agreement once the lawyers had ironed out a few points in the language. Once the sewers are in place, the owner of Mallory Brook will be ready for the redevelopment.

He reported that the new owners of the Old Riverton Inn are doing very well with their outside dining and takeout and are ready to re-open for indoor dining. He also reported that Hitchcock Furniture may be moving their showroom back into the front of the Riverton Self Storage building, where they used to be. He also mentioned that there is a new Facebook group (Open For Business New Hartford/Barkhamsted/Winsted) that publicizes the local businesses and their

open hours and what they are doing for their business. It includes restaurants and other food-related businesses, as well as other retail.

Tim Deschenes-Desmond and Ginny Apple reported that the Community Garden was essentially sold out and the folks who have rented beds (24 now constructed) are very happy with that initiative.

There was consensus that a Virtual Meet-and-Greet should be planned for September, since we probably will not be able to hold a large indoor gathering in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein