

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Attending members: Mark Mahoney, Kathy Williams, Brian Johnson, Kevin Noblet, and Tim Deschenes-Desmond. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman.

No members of the public attended the meeting

Election of Temporary Chairman: On a motion by Tim Deschenes-Desmond, seconded by Mark Mahoney, and passed unanimously, Kevin Noblet was appointed as temporary chairman.

Review of minutes: On a motion by Tim Deschenes-Desmond, seconded by Brian Johnson, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the March 4, 2020 special meeting were approved.

Discussion:

- **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 in to 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 and other details are being worked out.

He reported that the new owners of the Old Riverton Inn are still working on needed projects to allow the re-opening of their Royal Coachman Tavern, but probably will not be able to open until the current crisis subsides.

- **Sustainable CT** – No progress was reported.
- **Virtual Business Meet-and-Greet** – The members will set up one or more virtual business meet-and-greets for local businesses to discuss issues and potential solutions for the problems they are facing in the current situation. The initial one will cover all businesses and the hope is that representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Workforce Investment Board and the Community College Entrepreneurial Center will be able to participate. The thought is that there could be 30 minutes of presentation and 30 minutes of an open forum. Topics could include resources and assistance that are available, job openings and other pertinent topics. The hope is that this forum could happen in the next 2-3 weeks and that Ginny

could design a flyer. Kathy Williams was going to integrate her email list with the one that Brian Johnson already had in an effort to try to reach as many businesses as possible. Don Stein will also review the list and will reach out to the local resources to see if they can participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein