

**Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

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

No members of the public attended the meeting

Review of minutes: On a motion by Mark Mahoney, seconded by Tim Deschenes-Desmond and passed unanimously, the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting were approved.

Review of minutes: On a motion by Kevin Noblet, seconded by Mark Mahoney, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

Discussion:

- **Tourist Map** – There was no update available on this project.
- **Welcome Kits** –Kathy Williams reported that she had caught up through December 2019 up on distribution of the welcome bags and that she would need a new, updated list of recent home closings for January and February. She also will be soliciting material for the bags at the upcoming Volunteer and Business events.
- **Other Initiatives** – Don Stein informed the members that discussions regarding the sewer and water connections with Winsted on the west end of Route 44 were unchanged in the last month, but that he was hopeful that the continued discussions will bring about a solution to this situation. The owner of the Plaza is looking at running the sewer lines down Old New Hartford Road, and will be going to the Winsted Sewer Commission to present his plan. Cost sharing and other details are to be worked out and once Winsted has approved the plan, the Towns will be preparing a renewal to the inter-local agreement for the sewer system.

He reported that the new owners of the Old Riverton Inn are getting ready to open their Royal Coachman Tavern but probably will not be open until the start of fishing season. They will host the next Business Meet-and-Greet, but would prefer to see it delayed until April.

- **Sustainable CT** – No progress was reported.
- **Business Meet-and-Greet/Volunteer Town Event** – The Commission members concurred with their previous decision to hold a town event to recruit volunteers for non-profits and town groups on Saturday, March 14 from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Elementary School. This event is an effort to try get more residents involved in volunteering for the Town, with tables and handouts

being available for the volunteer groups. Brian Johnson and other EDC members have been reaching out to the groups in town and it looks like there will be a good turn-out. More publicity will be taking place to interest the residents in coming down.

They also decided to move the next business meet-and-greet event to April 23 at the Old Riverton Inn from 5:30 to 7:00, which will give them additional time to be ready after they re-open the Tavern. More detailed plans will be developed at the April meeting, with the main goal to divide up the list of businesses for personal outreach. Discussions will need to take place with the Inn regarding food and beverages, but that can take place as we get closer to the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Kevin Noblet, seconded by Ginny Apple.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein

Please note that the next meeting will also be a Special Meeting on April 9 in the Town Garage to plan the business meet-and-greet and Earth Day.