

**Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Attending members: Mark Mahoney, Bob Pulford, Rob Fulton, 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 Ginny Apple, seconded by Brian Johnson 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** – There was no update available on this project.
- **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 as the Regional 7 Board of Education was unwilling to change their vote against bringing the sewer line from the Mallory Brook Plaza. The hope is that the sewer lines can now be run down Old New Hartford Road.

He reported that the new owners of the Old Riverton Inn are still moving forward to open their Royal Coachman Tavern by the end of March and will also be serving food in the tavern. They will host the next Business Meet-and-Greet (see below). There is another new business in town that the Commission should highlight in the future. That business, Ti Trikes, makes titanium, 3 and 4-wheel e-bikes for those who are handicapped or no longer able to ride a regular bike for any distance. It's a great business and the owners are enthusiastic about doing events and getting involved with the Town.

He also reported that there was no progress with the Riverton Self Storage owner purchasing the lot across School Street which would then enable him to enlarge the septic system and further develop the building.

- **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 March 14 from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Elementary School. Mark Mahoney agreed to organize the event, assisted by Brian Johnson, which has the purpose to try get more residents

involved in volunteering for the Town, with tables and handouts being available for the volunteer groups. Entertainment and snacks will be available as an attraction and Mark Mahoney presented a list of organizations whose participation we should solicit. He also provided a sample flyer for publicity and one to use for invitations. Brian Johnson will circulate the invites to the volunteer groups and Ginny will handle the publicity.

They also agreed to move forward with the business meet-and-greet event on March 26 at the Old Riverton Inn from 5:30 to 7:00. More detailed plans will be developed at the March 4 Special 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 after the March 4th meeting. Brian Johnson is also updating the list of businesses with email and phone information being added to the list.

There will be a Special Meeting at 7:00 PM on March 4 and the regular meeting on March 19 will be cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein