

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2019**

**Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM**

**Attending members:** Bob Pulford, Tim Deschenes-Desmond, Tim Sullivan, alternate Amy Starr, Mark Mahoney, Kevin Noblet, and alternate Rob Fulton. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman.

**Review of minutes:** On a motion by Mark Mahoney, seconded by Kevin Noblet and passed unanimously, the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Discussion:**

- **Earth Day** – The Town’s Earth Day festival will be held this year on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the organizer, Ginny Apple continues to reach out to folks who have had tables in the past or to other organizations that would be of interest to the attendees. Ginny provided a list of needed actions on the day of the event including baked goods, volunteers to move tables and chairs and return them at the end of the festival, trash cans, extension cords and general help. Don Stein and Kevin Noblet will cook and the food is being purchased by John Roller (to be reimbursed by the Town and donations).
- **Community Garden** – The Pleasant Valley Methodist Church and the Town have finalized the agreement to make space available for an initial period of 4 years for the installation of 12 raised beds this year and possible expansion next year if there is sufficient demand. Rules will be established for maintaining individual beds, the fee will be \$25 per year, and the beds will be given out by lottery at Earth Day, and will be good for a 2-year period. The volunteers are working on clearing the area and purchasing needed supplies and the Town will be removing the wood and brambles, once it is cleared. Lowe’s is providing the materials at cost and Bob Pulford is making a generous donation to help offset the costs.
- **Tourist Map** – Kevin Noblet provided the artist with the changes suggested at the last meeting and he will include the two general stores on the map. It is getting to the final revision stage with colors to be added. Kevin will bring a draft to the meeting when it is available.
- **Welcome Kits** – Kathy Williams reported that one bag will be given out in April. Amy Starr told the Commission that it is time to solicit additional materials for the bags as they are running low for upcoming needs.
- **Other Initiatives** – Don Stein reported that progress is being made in the discussions with Winsted about bringing sewers and water to the Mallory Brook shopping center. The new owner of the Plaza is very anxious to get this started and is very actively engaged in making it happen.

Mark Mahoney reported that the Haunted House may happen on the Saturday of the Riverton Fair weekend and the following weekend, also. (October 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>). More information to follow.

No progress was reported on the Sustainable CT initiative, but Rob Fulton said he would have time to work on it in May. Don Stein said he would work with Ginny and Rob to see if we can reach certification this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein