Town of North Canaan

EDC

January 19, 2023

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, John Lannen, Bob Riva, Kathy Ducillo, Will Perotti

Selectman Charlie Perotti, Craig Whiting, Christian Allyn

Chairman Tripler called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Discussion of last meeting not being official, but board should review the notes.

Guest speaker from Specialty Minerals cannot make it tonight – we have rescheduled.

Reviewed the draft letter regarding land trust with the group. Chairman Tripler explained comments from Tim Abbott and went over key points. Chairman will look into an Agricultural trust in North Canaan. The State is very interested in holding onto agricultural land. Chairman will make some small revisions and send the letter around for signatures.

Marketing: Mr. W Perotti explained that Ted Perotti of Pig Iron was not able to join tonight but he did send final draft of the video. The video was viewed by the group. Consensus is that the video is good with minor corrections. Kathy’s name is misspelled. Selectman Allyn also suggested maybe making the speech bubbles softer. We will get the final edits done and then get it up on the website. There was discussion of who would put it on website and facebook. The selectmen are working on the website and will get it out where it should be. Mr. Lannen would like it on the Railroad Days site as well. Chairman suggested creating a town youtube channel so that it is a video and not a link. Chairman Tripler made a motion to accept the promotional video with edits. Mr. Lannen seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Selectman Allyn stated they will review the invoice that was sent by Ted Perotti of Pig Iron Video.

Economic Goals for North Canaan. The EDC will host a networking night at the brewery on February 17 for local businesses. The selectmen will be there. Looking for discussions and feedback. Chairman will hand out flyers locally if others will promote as well. Selectman Allyn will get questions together from when the HUB was in place. Hopefully this will generate new ideas and in March the board can review the information. Comment cards and name tags will be available.

New Business:

The health center should be starting construction in March. Salisbury Bank is merging with NBT. Freund’s are selling their herd. Ricky Segalla is selling his dairy herd. Rick Ralph sold the commercial side of his garbage disposal business and will only be handling residential. Smoke shop is going in up by Family Dollar.

Chairman Tripler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ducillo seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT NORTH CANAAN, CT ON 1-13-23 AT 7:00
ATTEST JEAN A. JACQUER, TOWN CLERK
Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, John Lannen, Kathy Ducillo, Paul Foeller, Will Perotti, Selectman Allyn, Selectman Whiting

Chairman Tripler called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Chairman Tripler made a motion to accept the minutes from last month. Mr. Foeller seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The land trust letter going to the selectmen is ready for the committee to sign off. Chairman Tripler made a motion to accept the letter for sign off. Ms. Ducillo seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Tomorrow evening is the Business Networking Meet and Greet at the Brewery. There has been a pretty good buzz around town. There will be a suggestion box for businesses to give their suggestions of what they may be looking for or need in town. There was a group in town a few years ago that is now defunct that kind of acted like a business get together group. Selectman Allyn discussed his position on the Exchange Club and the money they currently have. There are parameters on how it can be spent.

There will be a welcome table with name tags. Chairman would like the EDC members to make sure they act as the ambassadors for the committee at the meet and greet. Food will be available, and the first drink will be a penny. Maria Horn advertised it and may be there. Stephen Harding has not responded.

Chairman Tripler would like the committee to add a seventh member to the group so if anyone has any suggestions or want to reach out to anyone. Anyone interested would write a letter of interest to the Select Board and they will vote on them.

Chairman Tripler would like the committee to start looking goals for 2023. His thoughts are working on ways to get to know businesses and work on getting them what they need. Such things as capital thru grant money or loans, supporting businesses with tax abatements and other things. Utilization of resources. There was a brief discussion of grants available in town.

Ms. Ducillo asked about the lights in town. Selectman Allyn stated he has spoken with Bill Minacci of the Fire District a few weeks ago and was told the State has to get the contractor to do what he needs to do so that Eversource can turn the lights on. Selectman Allyn will speak with Mr. Minacci again to see if he can speak to the State about it. He also mentioned the Board can contact State DOT regarding this as well. This is a safety hazard. There was a discussion about the fire district and items believed should be under the towns prevue and not the fire districts.

There was a discussion about the agendas, what should be on them and getting it in for posting. The State dictates that the agenda be posted 24 hours before the meeting. Mr. Foeller would like to tackle shorter items as well, such as the types of businesses we would like to bring into town and/or the
community. We need to promote the town. Discussion of the promotional video will be on next month's agenda.

The financing of the video was discussed. Selectman Allyn stated that although a portion of the cost is coming out of the events committee budget the town is still looking to see where the rest of the money can come from. Mr. Lannen stated that he will speak with First Selectman Perotti tomorrow to possibly allocate the rest to come out of his budget so that Ted Perotti can get paid for the video work he did. Need to request a line item in the budget for the upcoming year for promotion.

Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ducillo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

Respectfully submitted

Ayrlea A Odell
Recording Secretary
Town of North Canaan
Economic Development
April 20, 2023

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, Will Perotti, Paul Foeller, Kathy Ducillo, John Lannen, Selectman Allyn

Chairman Tripler called meeting to order at 6:01pm

A motion was made and seconded for approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

John Consodine Riga Construction going to be a few moments late so table for moment.

Discussion of grants. More in line with other towns. Chairman Tripler explained some other towns including Wethersfield. We had a budget approved this year by the town.

Mr. Consodine arrived. He has expressed interest in joining this group. Chairman Tripler asked that he come and speak to the group about who he is, his business experiences and his thoughts on the town. Mr. Consodine explained who he is and how his business came about, from painting company to his current business portfolio. Discussion regarding his plans for the recent purchase of the church on Granite Avenue. He gave some ideas of what he sees as good for the downtown area, creating a more unified look to make North Canaan a destination. There was a discussion of signage. Selectman Allyn has not heard anything in regard to the Boy Scouts signage that was approved by the selectmen. Discussion of grants being out there but needing a grant writer and administrator. Talk of the next steps -- to go to Planning and Zoning with changes for the Town Plan of Development.

Identified several items and good start at making things happen in town. Discussion of doing some things around town and possible forums at the town hall. A lot of businesses that begin here are under capitalized. Discussion of offering resources to businesses. Start with people just opening a business in general not necessarily just in town. That is a good thread to pull off of it. Discussion of business types – brick and mortar as well as home businesses.

For next meeting think about forum, networking event, or other thing – what think is best for the town. Selectman Allyn believes the most important thing is showing what we already currently have. Discussion of search engine tools and how other towns use them. Discussion of the town having Civic Lift. Selectman Allyn will contact Evan to get him here. Doing in collaboration with the Exchange. Chairman Tripler will contact the exchange next business networking event possibly June 27 focus (Evan speaker about Civic Lift). Mr. Lannen uses Civic Lift because the town is paying for it, but is underutilizing it.

Chairman Tripler made a motion for a forum on networking SEO and Civic Lift in collaboration with the Exchange Club on June 27th. Mr. Foeller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Tripler was asked by the Selectmen to table the next item to the next meeting.
New Business:

EDC schedule is set for 2023. Chairman would like to vote on taking the month of August off. **Chairman Tripler made a motion to cancel the August meeting.** Mr. Perotti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Tripler will send a letter to the selectmen this week to recommend having Mr. Considine be put onto this committee and encourage them to vote in favor at their next meeting.

Chairman Tripler will be in the townhall on Monday's as a resource.

There was a discussion of businesses in town, updates, and different construction looks. Discussion of tree replacement in front of auction house and other trees in town. There was also a discussion of the history of trees in town and arbor day at the school. There was a request to possibly leave the lights on the buildings all year long. There would electric bill payment to consider as well as other factors. Mr. Considine offered to pay for some trees in town.

Discussion of Streetscape advisory committee. Selectman Allyn spoke about a conservation commission as other towns have and what could be lumped into it. EDC can be a catalyst for these things.

After a discussion of North Elm Street **Chairman Tripler moved to draft a recommendation for improvement of thru traffic into the business district via North Elm Street by having local traffic only signs posted at each end, not repainting the double yellow lines, and a 3 way stop at the Orchard Street intersection.** Mr. Perotti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Mr. Foeller moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. Perotti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Respectfully submitted

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary
Town of North Canaan
Economic Development Committee
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2023

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, John Lannen, John Considine, Kathy Ducillo, Selectman Craig Whiting, Selectman Christian Allyn,

Chairman Tripler called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Mr. Lannen moved to accept the minutes from April 2023. Mr. Considine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Considine is officially a member of the EDC.

Chairman Tripler was Invited by Maria Horn to attend a meeting with Chamber of Commerce in which each town was able to speak. Chairman discussed some of the highlights that he spoke about including the progress in the Northwest Corner as well as the challenges of affordable housing. Each community found this to be a challenge. There was also cost sharing burden discussions which included discussion of outdated regressive policies set by the State. Chairman also mentioned grant writing and broad band.

Geer will host an EDC in conjunction with the Exchange Club event on June 27th at 6:00. Hors d oeuvres will be served. Chairman went thru the itinerary which will begin with Kevin (from Geer) doing the welcome. The event will be to begin getting feedback from businesses on what they need and to start promotion and market North Canaan. The EDC goal should be to level the cycles of businesses that come into North Canaan. There will be other speakers. It would be appreciated if at least First Selectman Perotti spoke. Selectman Allyn made a side note that Kevin is stepping down as president of the exchange club and they are looking for board members. The Ducillo golf tournament is cancelled due to lack of volunteers. Chairman Tripler stated they will start pushing emails out to local businesses for the event. He would like all EDC members to attend as able.

Chairman Tripler brought up the original ordinance for the EDC was formed in 1982 and there are elements of the document that could directly impact the committee. Chairmans would like to make some changes then have it brought to the select board for review and re-adoption if appropriate. Chairman explained some of the issues including changing the word committee to commission, issues with language regarding residents on the committee, adding an email communication, formalizing reimbursement language. Some language was taken directly from State Statute. A discussion ensued regarding members being appointed vs elected. Chairman explained his thoughts of having the selectman appoint 4 members and have 3 elected to the board and setting terms according to state statute. Selectman Allyn stated he thought this would be politicalizing it and he didn’t feel that was a good idea. Selectman Whiting disagreed and thought the way Chairman Tripler described it would work well. There was discussion regarding meetings once a month vs on specific days. Chairman Tripler would like to send this Selectman prior to the next Select board meeting so any other recommendations should be him before June 26.
Chairman Tripler said there is a push on representatives for the status of grants. COG is looking into the possibility of finding grant writers that would be split among the towns or another equitable way to share grant writers.

Chairman Tripler asked Mr. Considine for updates on beautification downtown. Awnings have been ordered for the Phair building. The windows are in and need to be installed. Things are moving along. All of the vinyl siding on the auction house building will eventually be coming off and being replaced with a couple different sidings. They are focusing mainly on Main Street/Railroad street, but the other side will be done eventually as well. He would like to look into some trees for Main Street. Selectman Allyn stated he will initiate conversations with appropriate individuals regarding this.

There was a discussion of street lights and signage for the Smoke Shop.

Chairman Tripler would like to revitalize the promotion of Ted Perotti's video. Selectman Allyn stated he will create a youtube channel to put North Canaan promotional videos on. There will be more to come on that.

New business: Chairman Tripler would like to create a proforma letter to welcome all new businesses. There was a discussion of the businesses recent to town. The Event space in the Brewery is going to be transformed into an art bar which Chairman explained about. Chairman will get a draft letter done for the committee to review.

Next month Chairman will ask Wendy Eichman to speak on the real estate market.

Selectman Whiting discussed the Region 1 school budget and his endeavor to get other selectmen of other towns together to discuss. He was given a spreadsheet which showed different town savings if they went by the grand list. The State will approve whatever the region votes on. Newer created regions are fairer than what Region 1 is because it is an older policy. There was a discussion regarding this.

Next meeting will be July 20, 2023.

Chairman Tripler moved to adjourn. Ms. Ducillo seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary
Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, Bob Riva, Paul Foeller, Kathy Ducillo,

Chairman Tripler called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**Chairman Tripler moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Riva seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Review Charter Bylaws: The selectmen did not get the final draft. Regarding the language around meeting dates, Selectman Allyn suggested that they use six meetings a year, once a month optimal, not mandatory. Chairman Tripler wants to ensure the EDC is made a commission and get away from committee. Chairman will put the language into the final draft for the next Selectman meeting. It will likely get adopted in October.

Review the recent event. Kevin did a great job with the room and the food. The speakers were very good. It was good to have them there to explain the value of the services they offer and how they can be used. Chairman feels Civic Lift should be used for events as it is run very well, although their site needs some tweaks (i.e., the calendar of events). Selectman Allyn said as a town we cannot rely just on word of mouth and social media – we need to have the ability to boost events/posts. There was a discussion of how to get all of the business contact information in town. Chairman will look into Constant Contact. Talk of hiring someone to work on getting the list going. Mr. Riva stated as a dealer they do boosting and advertising all the time. Selectman Allyn suggested a frequently asked questions section on the town website which could constantly be updating, but the problem currently is that there is a 5-person team at the town that works on the website. There is no system/function of how things get on to the website. Chairman wants the priority right now to be starting to collect business information. He will look into mailing options and see how much there is in the budget for things. Selectman Allyn stated it would be great if when someone files a trade name the file clerk fill out a sheet with information and send it to EDC.

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Chairman Tripler will send out welcome letters before the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding DOT grants and the fact that McDonalds is still on a septic system.

Chairman Tripler moved to adjourn. Mr. Foeller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

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Recording Secretary
Town of North Canaan
Economic Development Committee
July 20, 2023

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, Bob Riva, Paul Foeller, Kathy Ducillo,

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Chairman Tripler moved to adjourn. Mr. Foeller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary
Town of North Canaan  
EDC  
September 21, 2023

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, Paul Foeller, Bob Riva, Kathy Ducillo, First Selectman Charlie Perotti, Selectman Craig Whiting

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm quorum established.

Mr. Foeller made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Ducillo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman Perotti explained that the EDC request to be a commission rather than a committee will be brought before the next Selectman’s meeting. If approved, then it will have to go to a town meeting for approval.

Chairman Tripler would like to set some agenda topics for the coming year. Mr. Foeller questioned the signs in town with cloths over them. Selectman Perotti explained that they are the new welcome signs done as an Eagle Scout by Dylan Deane. The signs were uncovered last Saturday and are in 4 locations around North Canaan. The suggestion for a topic is to visit the idea of getting all of the businesses together to put up signage for their business locations.

Topic: Tax Abatement for businesses. EDC should decide if they want to support this or not. There was a discussion of tying this with a tax break for first responders int own. The Ambulance already has a program for this in place. The Fire Department has had a pension program, but it has become costly and will be switching to a program like the ambulance. The town attorney has looked at it to ensure legalities. Hopefully it will be in the next budget season. There is a program for tax breaks for veterans in town as well. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of volunteers for the first responders. Selectman Perotti will show chairman Tripler what the programs look like. Selectman Whiting will send the proposal about tax abatement which has been approved by the town attorney.

The owners of the Colonial Theater were not able to make it tonight, but they gave chairman updates. The event this past weekend was fairly successful. They want to do more promotion. They would like to become more involved with marketing for events with the EDC. They would like to have a rep at the meetings. There was a discussion regarding promoting events in town. Twin Lakes Consulting is in place for grants. The façade grant applications have closed. The outcomes will be given at the Selectman’s meeting October 2. There were 7 applications.

COG: Each town had to write a letter in support of the COG so they could take over funding. Selectman Perotti asked chairman Tripler to write the letter. It was done last week. This gives the COG more power to get money from the State to disburse to the towns.

Chairman Tripler will have a new business welcome letter for the next meeting. There is a new business coming to Railroad Street.
The upstairs space at Great Falls is going to be an Art Bar. There will be wine and spirits and baked goods. The idea is to have an interactive art space with art supplies available and to use the hallways to feature the art. Hoping to open within 6 weeks.

Chairman Tripler would like to extend an invitation to the director of the new Health Center. Selectman Perotti will send chairman an email with her contact info.

The EV charging station will be activated Monday morning. They will be setting up the apps and setting a price, etc. The cost to the town was $5600.

There was a discussion of posting the agendas and meeting minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding the no parking signs in town and the enforcement of it. There is a possibility of getting parking meters and a meter maid. The resident trooper has been giving out tickets.

**Mr. Foeller made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Riva seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrlea A Odell
Recording Secretary
Town of North Canaan
Economic Development Committee
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2023

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, Bob Riva, Will Perotti, John Lannen

Public: Charles Perotti (1st Selectmen liaison), Craig Whiting (2nd Selectmen), Frank Perotti, David Fiorillo (Colonial Theater) & Marc Mallett (Colonial Theater),

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Mr. Tripler moved to approve the minutes from July 22, 2021. Motion approved.

- 6:10. David Fiorillo & Marc Mallett were invited to provide an overview of the Colonial Theater business. Work was described that was done at the theater. They commented on the direction of the town, noting the history of the town. Goal is to keep the doors open by using the Theater as a multi-use space. They used the success of Shire-con that had 120 participants. Dave & Marc noted how they would like to work with the town to create better economic integration with the town to improve guest experiences.

Will Perotti: Asked how can EDC help with these events?

David mentioned that the way to help is to continue to make the town an inviting space for guests. Businesses could come together to share marketing ideas, getting the message out. Continue to push for positive press. Give out of town folks a reason to stop in downtown.

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• 6:25. Charlie Perotti provided an update on the status of the Committee to become a Commission. Selectmen have approved a version of the new ordinance, and will be bringing it for public debate at the next open town meeting.

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Tripler asked what the opposition's position is to the project and what reasons are they giving. The primary opposition seems to be coming from Housatonic Valley Association. Will the road be a public road built to specs? If so, will town be responsible for its construction? More cars in the area was noted as a potential down side.

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Tripler proposed that the committee provide an amicus letter to P&Z. Bob Riva seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

• 6:48pm. Last item was new business. Flea 99 relocated and expanded in old Clover building.

El Home contractor setting up (Andy) in downtown.

McMuckles market is ready to open. No one knew when it would open.

Tripler said Art Bar in the old Depot would be opening before the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Tripler
Town of North Canaan
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Tripler proposed that the committee provide an *amicus* letter to P&Z. Bob Riva seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6:48pm. Last item was new business. Flea 99 relocated and expanded in old Clover building.

  El Home contractor setting up (Andy) in downtown.

  McMuckles market is ready to open. No one knew when it would open.

  Tripler said Art Bar in the old Depot would be opening before the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Tripler
Town of North Canaan
EDC
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Ayrslea A Odell

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