

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2011
Eaton E. Smith Meeting Room – Town Hall
6:30 p.m.

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Present: Chair Rich Leone, Cindy Rooth, Mimi Perrotti and Jon March (6:42).

Absent: Jack Solomon, Jamie Bell

Also Present: James P. Carey, Planning, Zoning and Building Administrator, Jennifer Carducci, Recording Secretary; several members of the public.

1. Call to Order

Chair Leone called this regular meeting of the East Hampton Economic Development Commission at 6:38 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – 10-18-11 Regular Meeting and 12-20-11 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Rooth to approve the minutes of the 10-18-11 Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Schragar, Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Motion passed.

(Jon March arrived 6:38 p.m.)

A motion was made by Ms. Rooth to approve the minutes, as amended, seconded by Ms. Perrotti, Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; motion passed.

3. Announcements

Chair Leone announced there will be three (3) public forums for discussion/comment/input into the hiring of new Town Manager. The first will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Leone announced and welcomed James Carey, Building, Planning and Zoning Administrator, as this Commission's new staff liaison, who extended his help to the Commission. Mr. Carey spoke of, and discussions ensued regarding several projects and opportunities for the future.

4. Town Manager/Town Council Liaison – None present

5. Public Comments

Roy Gauthier asked regarding progress of community board issue. Ms. Rooth noted that the board is on Century 21's property and needs to be rebuilt. Discussions will continue regarding possible grants, community group involvement, and board concept development.

6. Presentations

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a. Ruth Plummer, Parks and Recreation update on Airline Trail Extension and Sears Park performing Arts Gazebo

Ruth Plummer, Parks and Recreation Director, was present to discuss the two projects. Ms. Plummer spoke of State limitations and guidelines for signage, the accommodation of Fuller's loading lock area, location of sewer line, fencing, switchbacks, budgeting, and bridge and landscaping while explaining the progress and timing of this project.

The Governor O'Neill Performing Arts Gazebo was presented visually to the Commission by Ms. Plummer, who explained the progress of this project. Cheryl Newton will work with Mrs. O'Neill on the memorial.

7. EDC Liaison Reports

Mr. Schragger attended the Friends of the Village Center meeting, stating the group is developing a logo. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the coffee house and all are welcome.

Chair Leone attended the Middlesex County Revitalization Commission meeting.

The Commission discussed breakfast meeting plans. Ms. Rooth will check availability of the Goff House and the multipurpose room for mid to end of February. Four speakers a year will be the goal.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a. Fiscal 2012 EDC Budget

Budget discussions included the possibility of a part-time EDC consultant, an EDC email address and updated web page, and an EDC phone number at Town Hall.

Ms. Rooth made a motion to request an EDC email address and phone number, seconded by Mr. Schragger, Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0, motion passed.

b. Other

Ms. Perrotti discussed the business/EDC Corner concept. A quarter page cost is \$224. Ms. Perrotti will design the layout and work with Chair Leone.

Ms. Rooth made a motion to start an "EDC Corner" article in the River East in February and allocate \$224/month for the balance of fiscal year for a monthly publication; seconded by Mr. Schragger, Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0, motion passed.

Chair Leone will put together a budget narrative.

10. Public Comments -None

11. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. Rooth to adjourn at 8:45, seconded by Ms. Perrotti, vote was unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carducci
Recording Secretary

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