

**TOWN OF HADDAM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM, CT 06441
WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017
MEETING NOTES
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

ATTENDANCE

A	Kate Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
A	Stephen Bayley, Vice Chairman
A	Joe Bergin
A	Mike Farina
X	Dave Fleig
X	Brenda Hunter
A	Lori Maggi
X	Cindy McNeil Sola, Chairman
A	Ed Vynalek
A	Lizz Milardo, First Selectman
A	Liz West Glidden, Town Planner
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

Due to the lack of a quorum, there was not an official meeting; however, the three members present did briefly discuss agenda items and those notes follow.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Sola, chairman, opened discussion at 6:35 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

There were no additions/corrections to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the 18 January 2017 minutes was tabled.

6. Old Business

a. Merchant Association

Mrs. Sola reported Greg McKenna is away for five weeks and she will speak to him upon his return in regard to scheduling a meeting. Mr. Fleig offered to assist with this matter.

b. Haddam Spring Celebration Weekend

Tourism Committee Meeting - Wednesday, 15 February 2017, at the Nehemiah Brainerd House, 988 Saybrook Road, Haddam, to discuss the upcoming event. Event dates: Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, (moved up one week from dates previously discussed). Location: Eagle Landing. Essex Stream Train is good with this weekend as well. Mrs. Sola has emailed Robin Munster in regard to permits so vendors can sell crafts – no food, but have not heard back from her. Mrs. Sola to email her again. Haddam Jr. Women's Club's Town Wide Tag Sale will be held a week earlier than previously discussed. Mr. Fleig stated that will also be Little League Opening Weekend.

c. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)

Public Workshop – Thursday, 8 June 2017, Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum.

d. Streetscape

No update on the grant for the Candlewood Hill/Higganum Green Improvement Project.

e. Industrial Park

Maps emailed by Mrs. Glidden have been received, but not reviewed fully. Mr. Fleig stated maps are easy to read. Briefly discussed not wanting Haddam to become an industrial place; where an Industrial Park could be located and how large do you make it or allow it to be; and this being a sensitive topic.

f. EDC Website

Ms. Anderson and Mr. Bayley to work with Dan Dachelet, former EDC member, on this matter. Unclear if they have begun working with Mr. Dachelet. First Selectman Lizz Milardo would like EDC website to be off the main page of the town's website.

g. Cell Towers

Nothing new to report at this time.

h. Water in Tylerville

Nothing new to report at this time as they're still waiting for test results to come back.

7. New Business

a. Blight

Mrs. Sola reported Mr. Bayley had asked for this agenda item. Unclear what his concern is. Briefly discussed a couple of locations in town. Mrs. Batzner stated in the Haddam Zoning Regulations, Section 19 – Collection and Storage of Junk Material, Abandoned Vehicles and Debris could pertain to this topic and Jim Puska, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) would review the matter either after receiving a complaint or witnessing it himself. To be discussed further at the March meeting.

b. Nason Group

Mrs. Sola reported there supposedly was a large meeting concerning this group. Mrs. Batzner stated Nason Group, the developer of Chatham Lake Subdivision, was in foreclosure, but it was her understanding they had come out of it. Unclear of details and recommended First Selectman Milardo be contacted for details. Mrs. Sola to follow up at the March meeting.

c. Form a Description of What EDC's Duties Are

Mrs. Sola reported there was previous discussion about the development of a mission statement. Mrs. Maggi has volunteered to look into the matter. To be discussed further at the March meeting.

d. National Main Street Center (NMSC) – Cultivating Place on Main Street: Crowdfunding Challenge

Mrs. Sola asked who the head of NMSC is. Mrs. Batzner stated she didn't know, but what she read in the email Mrs. Glidden had sent, there's a webinar scheduled for either this week or next and the grant needs to be written by someone on the Commission as Mrs. Glidden is unavailable to do so. Members questioned what the grant is for. A brief discussion followed. Mrs. Sola will speak to Ms. Anderson to see if she can write the grant. If there are any questions, First Selectman Milardo to be contacted.

e. Town's Website

Mrs. Hunter asked when this would be activated. Mrs. Sola thought sometime in March. There will be a link to notify the various departments of concerns.

8. Adjournment

Mrs. Sola concluded discussion at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 8 March 2017.