The Economic Development Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Members Present: Steve Martin, Mary Ann Chinatti, Nicole Sweeney, Paul Smith and Jennifer Greene

Members Absent: Jodi Clark

S. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes
M. Chinatti motioned to accept the 3-21-19 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by J. Greene, motion passed.

Public Participation
None

Reports
- Annex – An informational Meeting will be held on Thursday April 25.
- Dollar General – Planning & Zoning have approved with conditions application for 611-615 Norwich Rd.
- Better Value – Store is closing the end of April. Have reached out to other grocery stores.
Old Business

Welcome Packet
S. Martin stated the Plainfield Business Association is preparing a “Welcome Folder”, a folder was presented for review. The Economic Development Commission may add information to folder, such as an intro letter, resource information, events, etc. EDC would review packet information quarterly to update, delete, etc.

Business Visits
A short discussion was held on Questionnaire for Businesses. It was decided to put Questionnaire on hold. Instead hosting vision meetings with businesses with site visits. S. Martin and N.Sweeney will make up a list of who to visit and when.

New Business

Site Plan Review – B.H. Trailers
The Economic Development Commission is to review applications for I-Park and recommend to Planning & Zoning per Section 10.2 of the Zoning Regulations. D. Blanchette of J & D Engineering gave an overview of application. B.H. Trailers is proposing to store inventory on Lot 24, no building is proposed. P. Smith motioned to send favorable recommendation to Planning & Zoning. Seconded by N.Sweeney, motion passed.

Plainfield Day – EDC Participation
Plainfield Day will be held on Saturday August 3, Business Person of the Year will be awarded then. Applications for Business Person will be available on May 1. Discussion was held on joining PBA membership is $100. Members will receive a booth space or banner on the field. Non-profits are free but must be hosting an event.

Visioning Sessions
The Moosup Visioning Session was great, a lot of good ideas were presented. Next session will be for Plainfield. We have been working with the Graphic Art Students and hope to have the Plainfield session prior to the end of the school year.

Correspondence
Selectman’s Corner April 2019 and Trade Name Listing (updated 4-8-19) were emailed to members. The Selectman’s Corner is available at the Veterans Coffee House, Town Hall and on-line. Motions Guide based on Robert’s Rules of Order was distributed for review.

Adjournment
M. Chinatti motioned to adjourn. Seconded by N. Sweeney, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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