Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2019

The Economic Development Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Members Present: Steve Martin, Mary Ann Chinatti, Nicole Sweeney, Paul Smith and Cathy Tendrich

Members Absent: Jodi Clark and Jennifer Greene

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

Approval of Minutes
M. Chinatti motioned to accept the 4-18-19 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Tendrich, motion passed.

Public Participation
Art Gagne asked what is a Trade Name Certificate required and Celebrate Plainfield Day cost? M. Chinatti stated a Trade Name Certificate is registration with the Town Clerk. A Trade Name Certificate is not required in every instant. A discussion was held on Celebrate Plainfield Day, cost is $100 for a business which will allow you to have a display space at the celebration or a 2 x 4 banner with your name. The Plainfield Business Association meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Jewett City Savings.

Reports
- Annex – Final report will be presented on Thursday May 23, 2019
- Conference on FOI was very informative
- N. Sweeney stated a “Mock Interview” was held at PHS, the students did very well
Old Business

Welcome Packet
Great information for the public. It was suggested to add the Quiet Corner BNI and Selectman’s Corner. M. Chinatti submitted a draft of the Business Development Guide for review.

Business Visits
S. Martin submitted the list of dates and companies for the EDC visitations. Several are scheduled for Tuesday May 21, 2019.

New Business

Visioning Sessions
The Moosup Visioning Session was great, only negative comment was “I wish I known about it”. Suggestions made to help promote the visioning sessions were posters and WINY radio. The Plainfield Visioning Session will be held on June 6 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Eastern Regional Tourism District
Sue Hall will be the representative from Plainfield. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday in the former Norwich Bulletin building at 66 Franklin St., Norwich.

Correspondence
Selectman’s Corner May 2019, Trade Name Listing (updated 5-7-19) and Business Development Guide Draft were emailed to members.

Adjournment
M. Chinatti motioned to adjourn. Seconded by N. Sweeney, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted,

[Signature]