

**Town of Winchester-City of Winsted
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 7:00PM
Hicks Room 2nd Floor, Town Hall
338 Main Street, Winsted, CT**

COMMISSION

Dick Labich, Chairman	Bill Pratt
Carrie Case, Vice-Chairman	Maryann Welcome
Susie Collier, Secretary	Carol O'Connell
Dale Martin Interim Town Planner	

1. Call to Order 7pm
2. Roll Call Present: Dick Labich, Bill Pratt, Maryann Welcome, Susie Collier, Carol O'Connell
Unexcused Absent: Carrie Case
Not Present: Dale Martin Interim Town Planner
3. Agenda Review
Commissioner Labich: Under New Business: Item b. Lambert Kay; Item c. Hypothetical \$50,000 for EDC; Commissioner Pratt: Under New Business: Item d. Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner Welcome: Item e. How information is transmitted to the public; f. FOMS and EDC Rolls
4. Approval of Minutes (June 18, 2013 Meeting)
5. Public Comment Captain Kosinski
6. Old Business:
 - a. Full Commission Membership (Labich)
 - b. Grant Updates (Martin) -Commissioner Labich will send Commissioners information in an email re: CT Historical Trust...\$50,000 grant to preserve historical items
 - c. P&Z Hearing - April 8 on Zoning Changes Have not heard anything new
 - d. Information Booth – Gazebo. Commissioner O'Connell: cleaned up but screens are all ripped up. Suggest removing screens and moving gazebo to green. Commissioner Case was going to check if GSA or BSA wanted to take this on as a project but is not here so issue is tabled. Commissioner Labich will talk to Dale Martin about R & A issue.
 - e. Tree Lighting-Art Melcher, Commissioner Labich and Dale Martin will meet on this.
 - f. Letter to Litchfield Food Systems— Commissioner Labich sent email to William Burgess, President, asking why Winsted is not in food guide. No response. Commissioner Labich will send another letter. Commissioner Pratt will talk to Helen.
 - g. Antique Trail
 - h. Gilbert School's International Program...Mentioned in cable program. Program is looking for four days of host families. Need marketing folder.
 - i. Sports Dome-Dome is down. Commissioner Pratt will follow up on this.
 - j. 2013-2014 Budget. Marketing Meeting- need to create a rough draft.
7. Sub committees

a. EDC Website Development & Data Base (Collier/Case) - - Commissioner Collier is waiting for Commissioner Case to send the information to prepare and send to Browser Daily to upload.

- I. Loading Retail Properties on Web Site
- II. Loading Commercial Sites Available on Web Site

b. Tourism-Marketing (Welcome/Pratt/Case) - Marketing meeting will discuss

- I. Cable Show
- II. Search Engine Seminar
- III. CT Tourism

c. Merchants' Association (Labich) merchant survey is completed and then Sandy and Bob will hand deliver surveys and talk to merchants... include in marketing meeting re: seminar

a. Planning Office Business Update (Martin) absent...Laurel Hills Health Care...offer to buy it w/in 100,000 of acceptable pricing...Vance Taylor is working on negotiations. Should be w/in week...looks like assisted living and memory issues ie Alzheimer's.

By end of month, closing on Sun Chief...multi-unit place (incubator)... Sun Chief stamping...will continue operating. Still stamping for parts in local area...Nador taking over bank bldg. Strong bldg. owned by Nador's foundation

b Lambert Kay (across from historical bldg.)...letter to Board of Selectman...what EDC opinion of Flea Market Boutique...booths for flea market...\$9600 haz mat cleaned....

c \$50,000 possibility from Selectman Albanisius allocating hypothetical \$50,000 for EDC...\$350,000 to clean up his gas station.....hire a full time planner or marketer....

d Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce.... mtg today..Lauren Smith...school to career pathways program...looking for sponsor companies (600), planning space ..Contact Tom at Sun Chief.

e. How info gets to public ...EDC needs to be more careful about mentioning businesses at bldgs..info from EDC should be presented more professionally in public at Selectman mtgs.

f. FOMS and EDC Rolls...people say FOMS should be obliterated...they got \$6,000 more than EDC.

9. Correspondence/Bills:

- a. EDC Monthly Budget Review

10. Adjournment 9:00 pm

Motion	Commissioner	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Notes
To approve June 2013 minutes	Pratt	O'Connell	5	0	0	
To adjourn	Collier	O'Connell	5	0	0	