

Minutes Approved on 5-18-09  
with Corrections  
Clerk Initials [Signature] Date 5/22/09

TOWN OF HEBRON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
APRIL 20, 2009 REGULAR MEETING  
HORTON HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM  
15 GILEAD ST., HEBRON, CT

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**Members Present:** N.Dorval, L.Preston, V.Avelis  
**Members Absent:** J.Lesisko  
**Alternate Absent:** Bruce Raymond  
**Staff Present:** Michael O'Leary

N.Dorval called the Regular meeting of the EDC to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

V.Avelis moved to approve the April 6, 2009 minutes with the following corrections:  
Page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph should read, "... to assist with obtaining a lower ISO rating." Page  
2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph change involve to read "involved". N.Dorval seconded, and the motion  
carried.

**Discussion Regarding VG District Sign**

M.O'Leary reported they have received three bids from the following three companies:  
"Signs of All Kinds", "Sign Professionals, LLC", and "Signs Plus of Willimantic, LLC".  
Copies were distributed to the commission members.

Discussion followed regarding the best way to spend money to attract the best response  
they are seeking. After much discussion L.Preston moved that the EDC pay for the sign  
submitted by Sign Professionals, LLC without the installation cost for \$680.00. V.Avelis  
seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

**Planning for EDC "Main Street Event" at the Library**

It was determined that Main Street Event will be held on June 3, 2009 at the Douglas  
Library. The EDC agreed to have the following 6- 7 tables set up: Windham Chamber of  
Commerce, Village Green/Jim Celio, Website, New Development, Main Street  
Revitalization, Water Company, and Sara Tarca/ Health Club.

V.Avelis stated the goal is to have a mailing list ready and design a postcard which will be  
printed at the Town Hall. The plan is to send them out on May 13, 2009.

The EDC discussed details of how to plan this business-networking forum. It was  
determined that a Special Meeting will be held on May 7, 2009 to finalize the details.  
It was agreed to also meet for the regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2009.

**Follow Up on ISO Discussion**

V.Avelis drafted a memo to the BOS from the EDC regarding the ISO. The memo was reviewed and discussed. Minor changes were made. All were in favor of the final draft to be sent to the BOS.

**VG Working Group**

V.Avelis reported that she and BOS Chair, Jeff Watt had previous discussions regarding identifying ways to fund the lighting for the VG Project. She noted receiving an email sent by BOS member, G.Mulligan informing her of a meeting that was scheduled for April 30, 2009 with B.O'Connell, G.Mulligan, M.O'Leary and an EDC member to brainstorm. After some discussion the EDC members agreed that V.Avelis contact G.Mulligan to identify the purpose of the meeting and to advise that the meeting be coordinated to accommodate the Hortons since they are the property owners. In the past the Hortons have been included in all of the planning meetings regarding their property. It was also noted that it must be found out if the lighting is definitely off the stimulus package before the meeting is held.

**Business of the Year Nomination**

V.Avelis reported that the Chamber of Commerce requested the EDC nominate a business from the Town of Hebron. Discussion ensued regarding three prospective candidates for nomination. Hebron Pharmacy, Tarca's and the Maple Fest, LLC were identified as highly qualified candidates.

After some discussion N.Dorval moved to nominate the Hebron Pharmacy to be the Business of the Year. L.Preston seconded and the motion carried.

**Future EDC Activities**

N. Dorval asked M.O'Leary about whether there are any new developments coming to Town. M.O'Leary mentioned a Glastonbury farmer would be selling his produce at the fruit and vegetable stand across the street from Teds. M.O'Leary reported the package store would not be moving into the old Donato's building. No new applications have been received, although an informal request for rural business with an overlay zoning has been discussed.

M.O'Leary reported that Fuss & O'Neill suggested to CROGG that additional testing will be needed in the amount of \$30,000, but now CROGG can now only guarantee funding for \$15,000. They may know next week if more funds may be found from another funding source through CROGG.

M.O'Leary reported the Lion's put in an application to allow the school buses to park on their site. Last year a one-year deal was made and now this year formal approval is being sought.

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**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

A Special meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.



Sandra J. Machado  
Board Clerk