

MINUTES
MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2014
Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: Beebe, Bresnahan (arrived at 5:40 pm, departed at 6:30 pm), Fecho, Ferrigno, Hirschorn, McGuire, Thompson

Staff Present: Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ferrigno.

Public Comment

- No public comment received.

Approval of Minutes

McGuire MOVED, Hirschorn seconded approval of the May 22, 2014 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. **Developing an EDC Work Plan.**

- *Business Visitation Program.* McGuire and Hirschorn advised the Commission that they have visited the first four businesses as part of the visitation program. They plan to conduct another six visits before breaking into two teams with two additional volunteers. One of the initial themes coming from the interviews is the need to identify what types of things the EDC and Town could do to be helpful and welcoming to businesses. They would like to hold a follow-up meeting with businesses to review what they have learned after completing approximately 30 interviews.
- *Regional EDC Forum.* Painter noted that she had started researching the concept of municipal revenue sharing, but had not yet found specific examples of one town investing in a project in another town. Bresnahan noted that there may be an example in Putnam; she believes Windham was asked to participate but declined.
- *Updates from Other Commission Members.* There were no other updates.

2. **Four Corners Sewer and Water Project.** Painter updated the Commission on the status of both the water and sewer projects. Beebe questioned why the sewer line was not running down North Hillside Road and suggested that it might be a more cost effective alternative than the current design using a pump station at Rolling Meadows.

3. **EDC Membership.** There were no updates on membership.

New Business

4. **NextGenCT impact study.** Painter advised the Commission that the Town issued an RFQ for an economic and fiscal impact study related to NextGenCT. Eight teams responded and four were short-listed for interviews that are currently in process.

5. **Next Meeting/Agenda Items.** The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th. Painter will poll members as to availability for July and August meetings and work with the Town Manager and the Chair to determine whether meetings are needed based on business items. Hirschorn noted that he will not be able to attend the scheduled meeting in July.

Reports

- **Business Activity.** Painter updated the Commission on recent business activity including the grand opening of Price Chopper and the UConn Health Center/Urgent Care ribbon cutting.

- **Events.** Thompson reminded members of the monthly square fairs being held at Storrs Center on the fourth Friday of every month.

Beebe MOVED, Thompson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development