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Town of Andover Economic Development Commission (EDC)
May 18th, 2016
Andover Town Hall

Call to Order:

Jim Dake called the meeting to order at 7:08PM

Present:

Elaine Buchardt, Patrick Dougherty, Jim Dake, and Jeanne Person

Absent: Tim Gilmore

Public Speak: none

Minutes: Approved Feb 10th with Patrick abstaining since he wasn't present.

Approved April 6th minutes.

Approved May 11th minutes with correction (infusion station directly off Route 6, not Lake Rd) with Patrick and Jeanne abstaining since they weren't present.

Liaison Reports:

Tolland County Chamber of Commerce: Jim and Elaine discussed TCCC meeting with Sal Patrella and Terry Durkin from Global since Jeanne and Patrick weren't at the last meeting. Bolton is discussing having a gas pipe built from Hebron on Route 85 to Route 44 so businesses, residences and town offices can use gas.

Planning and Zoning: Patrick brought the Plan of Conservation and Development and said it was officially approved. We can read it on the town website. We have to encourage businesses that will serve our growing elderly population. We need to work on transportation for the elderly. There is money in the budget to hire a part time planner to help us with this. There is approval for mixed use zoning in the plan.

Bill Warner, who was the planner who worked on the POCD, will be applying for the part time job. He wants to look into grants the town can use for it's development.

There is an “incentive housing zone” that will allow for more condensed housing to have prices that are affordable for median income individuals and families. There are 3 areas that have been identified for this type of housing: Phelps, across from the library, Lindholm Corners and the town land behind the town hall and school. We can possibly check with developers that are part of the TCCC to see if they may be interested in building a neighborhood in these areas.

No sewers are a problem for development. At some point we may be required to put sewers in the lake area depending on water test results.

Farmers Market News: First summer market is June 17th with a big opening ceremony.

Current Business: Jim brought the zoning pamphlet that Manchester puts out for businesses. He will scan and email them to us. Patrick looked at it and thought it was a good checklist to use. Maybe we can create a 3 page guide for Andover with the help of our part time planner. We could use the Manchester guide as a template.

New Business: We should go to the June 13th inland wetlands and June 20th planning and zoning presentations of the gas infusion station.

We should also reach out to businesses to come to EDC meetings to discuss their businesses and issues they may be having.

We will also look into alternative energy for the town.

Assignments:

Jim to scan and email the Manchester zoning info for businesses to us. Elaine to put in request for more members in the New Bulletin.

Next Meeting: Next special meeting will be Thursday June 9th, 2016. Jim couldn't make it Wednesday June 8th.

Adjournment: EDC adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Bucharadt

