

MINUTES
Town of Andover Economic Development Commission (EDC)
April 6th, 2016
Andover Old Fire House

Call to Order:

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

Present:

Elaine Buchardt, Tim Gilmore, Jim Dake, and Jeanne Person

Absent: Patrick Dougherty

Public Speak: none

Minutes: Approved February minutes.

Liaison Reports:

Tolland County Chamber of Commerce: The TCCC had their business showcase. Next TCCC is next week that Jim will attend. No new news. Jeanne and Tim are getting the emails.

Planning and Zoning: There will be a public hearing on April 18th at 7PM at the town hall to present the new Plan of Conservation and Development. The POCD is on the website to view currently. EDC members are encouraged to attend and read the POCD on the Andoverct.org website under zoning.

We talked a little about the News Bulletin article from the current Lake Rd applicant who wants to repair cars at his home and sell up to two a month. This will be dealt with at the next zoning meeting. He is looking for public support.

Farmers Market News: The winter market did well. The Palazzi's are still market masters and it sounds like we have a lot of repeat and new vendors coming to the market at the Town Hall. The first market will be Friday the 17th 3:30-6:30.

Tim asked why it was Friday afternoons. Elaine mentioned because we were trying to get the heavy traffic on Route 6 to stop. Since we aren't at the location right off Route 6 anymore, the AFM committee will be discussing any changes we might make on the day. We didn't want to conflict with other local markets, but a Saturday morning would certainly allow for working people and we could use the school parking lot even when school is back in session.

Current Business: Zoning directives are going to be picked back up. Jim to get the Manchester pamphlet for ideas for something we can create. Tim is willing to help spearhead this since Patrick has been quite busy with zoning recently.

New Business: We discussed 12 Center St and Jim is concerned that town's people and town officials are attempting to slow down the rebuilding of this house so the current owner will sell the property. An appraisal was done by the head of CIP and BOF to support a purchase price of \$25000 (which takes into consideration the cost to tear down and remove the building making it a vacant lot). We are concerned about possible suits against the town for discouraging the owner.

Assignments:

Look over the paperwork handed out by Elaine to further discuss how we can create a guide for people in town to work with zoning. Jim to check with TCCC and find out how our town membership can be used. Jim to get the Manchester zoning guide for us to look at. Elaine to get information on the CIP initiatives being proposed.

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th, 2016. WE will discuss the CIP initiatives being proposed and their economic impact for the town.

Adjournment: EDC adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Buchardt