

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Andover Economic Development Commission (EDC)**  
**March 8th, 2017**  
**Andover Town Hall**

**Call to Order:**

Elaine Buchardt called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

**Present:** Elaine Buchardt, Patrick Dougherty

**Absent:** Jeanne Person, Tim Gilmore

**Public Speak:** none

**Minutes:** no quorum

**Liaison Reports:** no liaison

**Tolland County Chamber of Commerce:** no report – Elaine to discuss meeting with Kevin Lembo- state comptroller - with TCCC at next meeting.

**Planning and Zoning:**

Bill Warner is still working on a consultant basis instead for the part time planner. He is working on updating the current zoning regulations concerning rezoning. Mixed use zoning is almost complete. Planning and Zoning is focused on making things easier for home based businesses. We should concentrate on the businesses we have and things will grow from there.

**Farmers Market News:** The Winter market had a disappointing attendance that got lower each week from 92 for the first week to 35 the fourth week. Disappointing for vendors and the committee.

**Current Business:** The planning and zoning part of the town website is becoming more and more useable for businesses and home owners. Instead of working on a printed pamphlet, we will see how to make the website easier to use for people wanted to start a business, build a home or make improvements on their homes.

**New Business:** Elaine called the planners for Bolton and Columbia who were on the Route 6 Regional EDC to see what they have done about the proposed signs on the LADA plans. Neither town has done a thing because the signs were never put into the current budget. Eric Trott from Columbia said he will gladly give me names of sign makers that their town has used in the past.

Patrick feels we should go with a local sign maker. We need to look into who that would be in the area. If we put out a Request for Proposals(RFP's), we can get an idea of who in town can do that kind of work and see what kind of prices they can give us.

The EDC should work on some kind of design so the sign makers know what we are looking for.

**Members:** No one has volunteered to be on the EDC after several ads in the News Bulletin. The ad will remain.

**Assignments:**

**Next Meeting:** Next regular meeting is April 12th.

**Adjournment:** EDC adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Buchardt