

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Andover Economic Development Commission (EDC)**  
**June 25th, 2019**  
**Andover Town Hall**

**Call to Order:**

Elaine Buchardt called the meeting to order at 4:30PM

**Present:** Elaine Buchardt, Cathy Palazzi, Patrick Dougherty

**Absent:** none

**Public Speak:** none

Tolland County Chamber of Commerce:

Elaine talked about the CERC – Connecticut Economic Resource Center. They provide an Economic Development 101 informational session for free, but require at least 20 people to attend to set it up. She will also check to see if there are other towns interested in attending. Coventry and Bolton did a combined one last year that we didn't know about. Elaine to look into setting up a meeting in September or October inviting all boards and interested residents.

Planning and Zoning:

We discussed the current Planning and Zoning discussions. Nothing business oriented for now. Patrick to read the minutes from P&Z to see if there is anything the EDC should be aware of. We talked about the POCD that was created a few years ago that suggested we will have to increase services to the elderly since the population is getting older. Our senior transportation cost for drivers has increased drastically.

Projects:

Business directory: We finished going over the directory which Cathy has been working on. She has asked for business input on the this-in-that newsletter and the News Bulletin. Cathy to make a few final phone calls and update the digital directory. Once complete we will put on the website to replace the old directory.

Route 6 signs: Elaine has proposed pictures and a quote from Art Signs in Ellington. She will present to Bob Burbank, the interim Town Administrator, to pass onto the new board of selectmen in July.

Long Term Planning Committee: Elaine discussed the plan that will be presented to the new board of selectmen in September. It includes asking for a new full time

position for a planner, economic and community development person. There is also the support of Welcome to Andover signs based on the community survey.

Farmers Market:

Our first Farmers Market is Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7. Elaine will report on how it went since she is on the committee. The next 4 will be the last Wednesday of the month.

**Adjournment:** EDC adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Buchardt