

Town of Ridgefield
Economic Development Commission Meeting
January 20, 2009 7:00pm
Town Hall Conference Room
Approved Minutes

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

In attendance: Chris Fisher, Bob Knight, Paul Levine, Rick O'Brien, Bill Markus.

The meeting commenced at 7:09 pm.

Approval of 9/2/08 and 12/8/08 meeting minutes

Bob Knight made motion to approve the 9/2/08 minutes; Paul Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1 (one member abstained).

Bob Knight made motion to approve the 12/8/08 minutes; Paul Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1 (one member abstained).

Update on New EDC Members

The commission of five will be extended to a commission of seven. The new members will be appointed at the next Board of Selectman meeting.

Consultant Search Committee Update

Paul Levine has already spoken with two of the consulting firms, he expressed favoring the Connecticut group. The Commission discussed the benefits of choosing a Connecticut firm rather than a New York firm to complete the Economic Development plan. The Commission feels they will be able to deal with issues more efficiently. **Paul Levine made a motion for the Chairman of the EDC to write a letter inviting the two firms to a meeting bringing in their very best proposal. The motion was seconded by Chris Fisher. Motion passed 5-0.**

Current and Projected EDC budget

Bob Knight discussed the current fiscal year budget and projected budget spreadsheets. Followed by discussion of how the consultants would be paid. Example: to be paid in phases of one, two and three. Bill Markus volunteered to oversee the budget.

Forthcoming Roundtable Discussion

The next roundtable to be discussed will be government officials.

Off-Site Meeting: January 21, 2009.

Meeting adjourned 8:39pm

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Rendon, Secretary