

Town of Ridgefield
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2011; 7:00 pm
Town Hall Large Conference Room

Unapproved/Unrevised Minutes

In attendance: Bob Knight, Paul Levine, Joy Strand, Arnold Light, Mark Blanford, Chris Fisher
Also in attendance: George Mulvaney

Bob Knight called meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Bob began by welcoming Tracey Buckley back as secretary. Bob Knight made motion to recognize town official, fire department, police, etc. for their handling of recent storm related events. Motion second by Joy Strand.

Route 7 Taskforce:

North end of Route 7 gas station site: George Mulvaney spoke on issues of moving forward. Governing bodies find a way to block you from moving forward. Zoning has been an issue. They've been putting up many road blocks. There is concern of abandonment of downtown area which will not happen. Bob clarified that George is trying to get the attention of the travelers of route 7 to Norwalk. George had hoped that zoning would have changed the zone. Bob asked if George had any communication with regulator people recently. He has spoken with Betty Brosius in August. George would like to see mixed use on site. Miscellaneous discussion followed. Joy thought having another route 7 taskforce meeting would be a good idea to include P&Z, WPCA and others involved. Chris thinks sending a letter from EDC to taskforce regarding Haviland Rd. to Danbury would help open the lines of communication. Bob asked George to come back with plans and ideas of what he wants to do.

Branchville: Worked with some heavy weights in August. Good positive feedback. Town wide survey suggested. Commission would like to have an event for informational purposes for Branchville owners. Push to have in September and tie surveys together. Event to do outreach to owners. Will do a brief presentation. Bob suggested getting a date ready and going for that date. Monday September 26 would work for the commission. Miscellaneous discussion followed.

IWOW:

Get something out to clients. Want to let them know we have been working on this, will ask them what is their need, give them a list of advisors and option to set up meeting. Maybe have meeting with advisors and clients. Would like to see hook up with the Ridgefield Chambers to have a communication center. Miscellaneous discussion followed.

There was discussion regarding a grant for Danbury Rd.

Motion to adjourn 8:09 pm by Bob Knight, seconded by Joy Strand. Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Buckley