

# **Willington Economic Development Commission Meeting**

## **Minutes**

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019  
Willington Town Office Building  
40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, CT 06279

Notes Taken: Yes

### **Members Present**

Rich Mindek

Rich Maloney

Bill Rankin

Mary Vertefeuille-Recording Secretary

### **Members Absent**

N/A

1. Call to Order
  - a. 6:27pm
2. Reports
  - a. Business List
    - i. We are currently in search of an intern for EDC to help with business development. Job posting is on the Willington website
  - b. Ashford Business Association (ABA)
    - i. Currently trying to meet and cooperate with ABA for future plans
      1. Event hosting, marketing, etc.
      2. Small “chamber of commerce” between two towns
      3. Gives us a broader overview for Willington businesses
3. Old Business
  - a. New Businesses/Brewery
    - i. The space is currently zoned residential which causes many issues when trying to add businesses to the town
    - ii. It may be best to partner with someone who wants to open business after making an application and go try to change zoning issues together.
    - iii. We want to spot, invite, and include other areas of the town.
  - b. Railroad:

- i. Needs 25-30 acres near rail road. There are plans to reach out to land owners that touch railroad about land usage for project. It's good to get ahead of the project to bring to Willington before other towns get involved. Bill will run project.
  - ii. Doesn't have to be in Willington, but would be ideal.
  - iii. DOT Land is appropriate for the job near the highway.
  - iv. Project is too big to handle alone. We need to include state legislation and DOT.
  - v. Potentially get Planning and Zoning to take charge of the project.
- 4. New Business
  - a. N/A
- 5. Adjournment
  - a. 7:15pm

**Next Meeting is on January 8th, 2019**