

# **Willington Economic Development Commission Meeting**

## **Minutes**

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

Notes Taken: Yes

### **Members Present**

Rich Mindek  
Rich Maloney  
Noah Vertefeuille  
Rich LoPresti  
Mary Vertefeuille-Recording Secretary

### **Members Absent**

Bill Rankin

1. Call to Order
  - a. 6:32pm
2. Reports
  - a. Recently, EDC visited the Old Mill on River Road. Rich LoPresti spoke about the gathering space there that could be used for the breakfast gathering for business owners in Willington. A Spring date will be determined later.
    - i. To Do:
      1. Find sponsors, pick date, create registration form, find speakers (Tom from Mill, CEO, and another sponsor?)
  - b. The Business List for the Town of Willington needs to be updated. The last update was in 2016. We believe it's important to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce for either the Town of Tolland or Windham County. It's important to go to events, make a presence, and figure out which Council of Government we're a part of.
3. Old Business
  - a. Zone Changes

- i. Working on changing the zoning for Town of Willington. There are too many requirements and is holding the town back from designing a Community Zone. Potential project for Rich LoPresti?
- b. Railroad:
  - i. No updates
- c. Solar Panels:
  - i. This is important. Definitely something we should look into. If the Town decides to add these, they will save money and will reduce tax increases.
- 4. New Business
  - a. Buildings in Town for Sale
    - i. We need to gather information from the following buildings for sale:
      - 1. Building across from Old Mill
      - 2. Phelps Plaza
      - 3. Buildings behind Dunkin
  - b. Space in Mill
    - i. Recently, there has been interest in opening a brew pub in the Mill on River Road. Looking for someone who would be interested in opening and running a brewery. Rich Mindek is running the project. No further information as of now.
- 5. Adjournment
  - a. 7:26pm

**Next Meeting is on October 9th, 2019**