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