

**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**July 10, 2014**

Attending: R. Casner; R. Parady; P. Simmons (Economic Development Coordinator); F. Weissbach  
Absent: J. Albuquerque; D. Bergeron; D. Mathiasen; P. Rubenbauer; G. Rucker  
Guests: S. Mackinnon; S. Wheeler

Mr. Casner called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and noted that there was not a quorum.

Minutes – The review of the minutes from the May 1, 2014 and June 5, 2014 meetings were tabled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Status Reports:**

Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Simmons reviewed his July 10, 2014 report, a copy of which is attached to and made part of these minutes. He distributed a draft re-write of the Town's tax abatement program and the Commissioners agreed they would like a very aggressive program. Mr. Simmons advised he is working on examples of the financial impact of several scenarios and stated that he would distribute that document once it is completed.

Mr. Simmons and the Commissioners also discussed the bid received for the removal of the garages on the Town Office Site and several businesses that are moving into Moodus.

First Selectman Update – Mr. Walter was not in attendance at the meeting and there was no update on the topics listed under this agenda item. Mr. Casner reported that EDC's letter on the commercial use of the Transfer Station situation had been sent to the Selectmen.

EDC Chairman Update – Mr. Casner reviewed the consultant fees that will be paid out of EDC's 2013-14 budget.

P&Z/EDC Waste Water Joint Committee – Moodus & Rt. 82/151 – There was no update on this agenda item.

Goodspeed Landing Committee – Mr. Casner advised that the State will not allow additional curb cuts from the Town Office Site parking lot and, consequently, access to Route 149 via the Goodspeed property will be necessary for any future development of the Town Office Site property.

Tourism Committee – There was no update on this agenda item.

East Haddam Business Association – Mr. Casner reported that the Business Association is planning a government/business meeting. He noted that the date of the meeting has not been set yet.

**Other Business**

Directory Signs – Mr. Parady advised that Craig Mansfield is handling all signage for the Town.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Blight Ordinance – Mr. Casner reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission has written a draft blight ordinance and would like EDC's input. There was a general discussion about blight in Town and Mr. Casner stated he would distribute a copy of P&Z's draft ordinance for the Commissioner's review.

Mail Received – No mail was discussed at the meeting.

Public Comment/Other/EDC Ordinance Review – Mr. Weissbach stated that the owner of 32 Main Street had told him that he had received a "micro" grant from St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Weissbach recommended that EDC find out more about St. Stephen's program to see if it would be applicable to other Town businesses.

There was no public comment at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Sharon R. Wheeler  
Recording Secretary