

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
5 TOWN HALL RD ASHFORD, CT 06278
REGULAR MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, April 25,2018**

PRESENT: M. Gantick, Ray Fenn, Mark Fontaine, J. Rettenmeir

The meeting lacked a quorum; hence, the following are notes on topics discussed

- 1. Call to Order – 7:45 PM**
- 2. Seating of Alternates –**
- 3. Approval of October Minutes –**
- 4. Budget**
 - a. M. Gantick \$8 for FB boost and Lunch for RSA to be submitted. John R. to submit bill for printing copies of NECCOG Economic Study
- 5. Communications and Announcements**
 - a. Announcements –NECCOG to forward form to be filled out for state Tourism Site, will need First selectman signature (can include restaurants, B&B, and other areas of interest). Important for town to take advantage of this free service.
 - b. Doctors Office having a Ribbon cutting ceremony on May 2 at 4:30 pm -Hollow Commons, Rt. 74. EDC should have a presence. Being sponsored by the NE Chamber of Commerce – maybe EDC should explore advantages of this group versus Windham?
 - c. AAC 2nd Annual Dinner Dance is April 28th. It is sold out.
 - d. Presentations – none
 - e. News from Other Commissions.
 - i. PZC – none
 - ii. BOS- A Consulting Engineer has been hired to conduct next phase of Environmental at Wagon Shed property; First Selectman indicated to Ray that Public Works will clean up the Moore property
 - f. ABA News
 - i. Car Cruises will start last Thursday of the month beginning in May.
 - g. Correspondence and Meetings
 - i. None
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. EDC Marketing and Communications-no report
 - b. Website Modifications (Chatey, Gantick, Williams) -
 - i. No activity.
 - c. Our Town-Our Future (Fenn, Gantick).

1. Mt. Hope River Trail- ACC working with Joshua's Trust to develop recommendations to BOS; several walks have occurred to refine proposal
 2. Inventory of Historic Buildings and Places-Meeting held with about 8 attendees. Group to try and have another meeting as many interested parties had conflicts on night of meeting.
 3. EDC Support and West Ashford Development-RSA took place April 24. Reps from DOT, NECCOG, Town, UCONN, Other towns attended. Gantick to pull ideas gathered from RSA together over the next month for draft plan/report review. Positive networking occurred.
- d. Retail and Services Enterprise Zone (Ignatowicz, Lawrence, Williams)
1. John R. provided Bank Info package to United Bank.
 2. Discussed making decision/recommendation at next meeting regarding Moore Property Broker
- ii. Other business news-none
- e. Wagon Shed Property
- i. See 5e above
- f. Buy Local Initiative (Chatey/Williams)-none
7. **New Business –**
- a. NECCOG to organize a meeting of the local EDC Chairs soon.
 - b. Ray to look into the Sustainable CT Initiative and if has any benefit to our efforts.
8. **Input from Public – None**
9. **Member Input for Next Agenda – see item 6 d2 above .**
10. **Adjournment - 9:00 PM**

Prepared by M. Gantick