



# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016, 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Chairman Sean Kelly, Stanislav Moline, David Hurley (arrived at 7:11 PM),  
Alternate Francie Berger and Alternate Donna Resutek

**ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Chris Todd and Alternate Stefanie Cunningham

### STAFF

**PRESENT:** Lisa M. Houlihan, Town Planner and Troy M. Ciesco, Recording Clerk

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Kelly called the Economic Development Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion: Connecticut Economic Resource Center's self-assessment survey.

Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner, reported that the Connecticut Economic Resource Center is working on an analysis of the survey results which will be available for the commission's August meeting.

2. Report: Tolland County Chamber of Commerce

a. Economic Development Committee Meeting(s) – Staff Report

The commission discussed potential nominees for the 2016 awards. Commissioner Berger suggested Kloter Farms or DaVinci's Pizza for the "corporate citizen" award due to their donations to a library fundraiser and offered to provide a write-up. Commissioner Resutek suggested Joe's Fine Wine and Liquors for the "beautification" award for their improvements to 43 West Road. Ms. Houlihan offered to write the description for that award.

3. Report: Agricultural Initiatives

Ms. Houlihan reported that the farm store regulations were amended by the Planning and Zoning Commission to make it more feasible to run a successful farm store while maintaining local offerings. She also noted that two properties totaling 60 acres on Jobs Hill Road are under review by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture for a potential

purchase of development rights, and that Oakridge Dairy will be holding an open house on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

4. Report: Business Directory/Business Surveys and Site Visits

Troy Ciesco, Land Use Technician, noted the general improvement in users over the last year and asked for suggestions for helping businesses create their micro-site. Commissioner Hurley suggested the creation of a "dummy site" for use as a sample for other businesses to follow.

5. Report: Tax Incentive/Abatement Programs

Ms. Houilhan reported that the Conservation Commission is working towards improving the town's status as a Clean Energy Community and described some of the initiatives and their economic benefit to the town.

6. Report: Current Economic Activity

The commission and staff discussed the recent approvals for Luann's Bakery, the continuing process for Cold Creek Brewery's brew pub, and Nick Gloumb's hot dog cart.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the May 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

**MOVED (RESUTEK), SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.**

2. Correspondence:

- a. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Award Nomination Form

This item was discussed under active business item #2.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOVED (BERGER), SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:41 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Troy Ciesco, Recording Clerk