

GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

January 22, 2024 6:00PM

In Person and Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.

PRESENT: Henrietta Horvay, George Motel, Jon Carroll, Marie Bate (Board Commission Clerk).

MEMBER PRESENT ON ZOOM/AUDIO: Heidi Koenig

OTHERS PRESENT – Amy Breakell of Goshen, CT / President Goshen Business Circle (GBC), Judy Motel of Goshen, CT/member GBC and Ted Murphy of Litchfield/Goshen, member of GBC.

ABSENT: Peter Kujawski, Daniel Belmonte (A)

SEAT ALTERNATE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by George Motel and seconded by Jon Carroll to approve December 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes. It was voted to accept the motion. Motion carries.

AMY BREAKELL – PRESIDENT OF GOSHEN BUSINESS CIRCLE: Amy Breakell of Goshen was invited to EDC meeting to discuss how EDC and GBC could work together and help each other out. Amy began by thanking the commission for the service/time that they provide to Goshen. Amy explained some of the many events the GBC has had in the past, such as A Business Expo, Round About Goshen and a food truck at the Fairgrounds during COVID. Ted Murphy talked about a great event at the Winery with Litchfield politicians, called Meet the Legislators. George Motel discussed the problem of finding good qualified help and suggested maybe having a job fair. All events were very successful, but costly. Amy also talked about the GBC website and how a business can advertise on the site. The site also has an events calendar which also goes to Discover Litchfield Hills. Discussion on how to make people aware of this service and how to contact new businesses in town with a Welcome Packet, etc.

DISCUSSION OF HOLDING MONTHLY MEETINGS, NEED TO WORK ON VARIOUS PROJECTS - Not addressed at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS: GEORGE MOTEL'S REPORT - George discussed a CT State Statute, chapter 203 of the property tax assessment, which references depreciation and exemptions on farming and farm equipment. This Statute has not been evaluated /increased since 1980. This is important as Agriculture is #1 in Goshen, and also we want to diversify. Farm equipment is extremely costly (not only do you have to pay for the equipment, but also pay personal property tax to the town each year). A board member requested a motion to pursue the exemption Statute increase with the board of selectman and request it to be on the February 13th BOS agenda. Motion made by George Motel and seconded by Jon Carroll. It was voted to accept the motion. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS - Henrietta Horvay brought a list of new businesses in town (excluding LLC, which are filed with the state).

BUDGET - Henrietta Horvay discussed the budget for 2024-25.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM in a motion by Jon Carroll and seconded by Heidi Koenig.

Respectfully submitted,


Marie Bate



Commission Clerk

Next meeting APRIL 22, 2024 @ 6PM

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Attest 
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk