

Minutes
Economic Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
8:00 AM Pomfret Senior Center/Grange

Present: N. Gardner, W. Hinchman, J. Stoddard, M. Collins
Selectmen M. Nicholson, P. Mann
Guests: Anthony Simpson, Alain Beret, and James Fairbanks

Call to Order: 8:04 AM

Approval of Minutes: The March Minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve them was made by M. Collins and seconded by J. Stoddard. Approved.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- 1) Murdock Property- RFP Boring Proposal: CME is awaiting good weather to begin the testing at the site.
- 2) Steakum's Plant- No report
- 3) Pomfret Business Report- The Pomfret Proprietors will be holding a joint meeting with the EPDC on May 14th.
Additionally, the committee discussed putting together a "Pomfret Business Directory" which would allow interested businesses to be compiled into a directory that would be provided to residents. N. Gardner will contact the Pomfret Times about running a request for information.
- 4) CERC Meeting- No report
- 5) Tourism Council Update- No report
- 6) Build Out- No report.

New Business:

- 1) Prospective New Business on Deerfield Road.- The Elsinore Mansion Property owner Anthony Simpson along with prospective buyers, Alain Beret and James Fairbanks were in attendance at the EPDC meeting to discuss the possible conversion of the property from a single-family residence to a country inn. They envision the property as a venue for events, such as weddings and corporate functions and are looking at requesting a zoning text amendment to allow up to 250 attendees at functions. (By special permit in the PSR zone Country Inns and up to 100 attendees are permitted).

Messrs. Beret and Fairbanks have previous experience turning older properties into Country Inns and event centers. They previously ran 40 Putney Road Inn in Brattleboro, Vermont and the Harding Allen Estate in Barre, Mass. They spoke about the unmet demand for this type of property given its proximity to the Labor's Training Academy, Pomfret School, Rectory School and Hyde School.

Other: None

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Adjournment: 9:20AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Gardner
Chairman