

Minutes
Economic Planning and Development Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 30, 2015
8:30 AM Pomfret Town Hall

Present: N. Gardner, J. Stoddard, J. Folsom, C. Tracy, M. Collins
Selectman: M. Nicholson, P. Mann
Delpha Very, Putnam Economic Development Coordinator

Call to Order: 8:30 AM.

The Pomfret EPDC welcomed Mrs. Very to our meeting. The meeting covered the following questions:

- 1) Who is going to market the tech park?
 - a. The Town of Putnam would like EPDC to market the properties. They have hired John Galvin, MAI to appraise the property. They have also had a feasibility study completed and will plan on travelling to trade shows to market.

- 2) How are the proceeds split between towns (60% Putnam Ownership), 10% Pomfret, 10% Scotland, and 20% Brooklyn?
 - a. They will be prorated on a percentage basis.

- 3) Status of Fundraising for the YMCA?
 - a. They are within \$100k of their \$14MM goal, they hope to open in the spring of 2016.

- 4) Is the new tech park going to be in the Special Services District?
 - a. No, the police presence and City Fire Dept. does not cover the new tech park. It is in the East Putnam Fire District

- 5) Any deferment of property taxes?
 - a. No.

- 6) How are the negotiations going on the next phase of the park?
 - a. They have not actually begun.

- 7) What is the zoning in the park?
 - a. See the attached “Technology Park Overlay District Zoning”
- 8) What types of marketing and or trade shows are you attending?
 - a. Shows throughout the area.
- 9) How was the current industrial park marketed?
 - a. Through a number of avenues, including realtors and marketing directly as EDC.
- 10) Are there other projects we can work on with Putnam and surrounding towns?
 - a. The Pomfret Sewer Project is another example of regionalization that is going on.
- 11) Tell us about your solar project and the energy project with Woodstock.
 - a. The Town of Putnam leased a portion of the old landfill off of River Road for 25 years to a solar firm.
- 12) What goals does your economic development commission have?
 - a. Putnam has both an Economic Development Commission and a Redevelopment Authority. They look at promoting business and decreasing unemployment.
- 13) Does Putnam have other projects in mind that would have a regional impact?
 - a. The Airline Trail systems and other parks.

Adjournment: 9:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Gardner
Chairman