

Minutes
Economic Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
8:00 AM Pomfret Senior Center

Present: N. Gardner, J. Folsom, M. Collins, C. Tracy

Guests: First Selectman C. Baldwin, P. Mann, M. Nicholson

Call to Order: 8:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: The June meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by J. Folsom and seconded by M. Collins. Approved.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- 1) QV Tech Park- N. Gardner reported on a meeting held in Putnam on 8/29 among the four member towns of the QV Tech Park. At the meeting Putnam announced that it will be changing course regarding the potential sale of the lots and will be hiring a realtor to market the parcels. M. Nicholson added that she believed that Brooklyn has made its payments on the two shares in the park that they purchased.
- 2) Murdock Property- The BOS is looking at sending out a RFP for commercial broker services to look at potentially marketing parts of the property. A good discussion was had regarding the EPDC member's thoughts on attempting to market the property in an effort to diversify the tax base, while retaining the rural character of the community. C. Baldwin stressed that any potential sales agreement on any part of the property would have to be approved at Town Meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Potential Review of Forestry Management Plan- N. Gardner passed around portions of the draft report. The entire report should be ready for distribution at the next meeting. The potential for approx. \$25,000 of income to the town for a selective harvest was discussed.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None.

Other: C. Baldwin updated the members on the status of the Sewer Project and potential snags with DEEP. C. Tracy passed out some MLS data regarding the sales trends for residential homes in Pomfret as compared to other area communities. This led to a discussion about land use in town and the possible interest in a 55+ condominium project.

Adjournment: 9:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Gardner
Chairman