

Minutes  
Economic Planning and Development Committee  
Tuesday, November 18, 2014  
8:00 AM Pomfret Senior Center/Grange

**Present:** N. Gardner, J. Folsom, C. Tracy, J. Stoddard, W. Hinchman, M. Collins  
Selectmen: M. Nicholson

**Call to Order:** 8:00 AM

**Approval of Minutes:** The October 14th minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve as corrected was made by J. Folsom and seconded by C. Tracy. Approved.

**Citizens Statements and Petitions:** None

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Old Business:**

- 1) Regional Tech Park- The Town of Putnam accepted our purchase of one share of the Tech Park. They are currently looking for local subcontractors to bid on portions of the site work and infrastructure. It has also been reported that the Greater Hartford YMCA is still looking for funds to complete the project. The committee then discussed the differences between the Greater Hartford YMCA and the former Norwich YMCA.
- 2) Pomfret Business Directory- The committee continues to receive submissions and regularly posts updates. M. Nicholson would like a printed version available during early 2015. A discussion was held regarding how to get a greater response rate from Town Businesses. W. Hinchman suggested using a reply postcard to send to businesses. N. Gardner will research the number of businesses using the assessor's records.

- 3) Plan of Conservation and Development- C. Tracy asked the question, “Where do we fit in?” in regards to the state and local plans of conservation and development. He had mentioned that in the past the area had looked at the agricultural, plastic, and tourism industries are growth areas. A discussion was had to see if those 3 industries are still the drivers of the economy.

**New Business:**

- 1) Meeting Schedule for 2015- A motion was made and approved to hold meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8 AM at the Pomfret Senior Center. The dates will be as follows:  
1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, and 12/8.
- 2) Review of Annual Report- N. Gardner presented the Annual Report for review. It was accepted for publication with a motion by J. Folsom and a second by C. Tracy.
- 3) Election of Officers- C. Tracy nominated N. Gardner for Chairman, seconded by M. Collins. Approved. J. Stoddard nominated M. Collins for Vice-Chair, seconded by C. Tracy. Approved. A discussion was then had on who constitutes the Ex-Officio members.
- 4) Murdock Property- A discussion was held regarding how to best decide what the town would like to do at the Murdock Property.
- 5) NECCOG is pursuing a grant to look at the feasibility of a “Value added agricultural processing operation.”

**Other:** None

**Citizens Statements and Petitions:** None

**Adjournment:** 9:05AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Gardner  
Chairman