

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

Present: N. Gardner, J. Folsom, M. Collins, J. Stoddard

Guests: First Selectman C. Baldwin, P. Mann

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 J. Stoddard. Approved.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- 1) QV Tech Park- C. Baldwin updated the members that Pomfret has signed the Share Agreement with the Town of Putnam regarding the Tech Park, however no note has been received by the town as of yet. The new Putnam Town Administrator will be working on this. Members discussed some recent developments as reported in the *Norwich Bulletin* regarding potential zoning changes and activity on Phase II.
- 2) Murdock Property- The BOS unanimously approved hiring former Yale Forester Julius Pasay to complete a Forestry Management Plan for the property. This plan will inventory trees and give recommendations to the BOS on how to sustainably manage the forest and look at alternative uses for the property. The first draft of the plan should be completed in September.

Mr. Baldwin then asked the committee their thoughts on exploring future development on the property. He asked members to see if they had a consensus on asking the BOS to put together an RFP for potential marketing

of the property for development. The members discussed the history of the property, the existing studies on the parcel and came to a consensus to ask the BOS to move forward. The following resolution was moved by J. Folsom and seconded by M. Collins, “ The EPDC is in favor of suggesting that the Board of Selectmen consider developing a Request for Proposal to select a broker for the Murdock Property.” This resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

The pending expiration of the Killingly sewer agreement was also discussed, along with a potential price tag of \$1MM + to remain in the system.

The Woods Hill Solar project is moving forward and as such Eversource crews will be staging on the Murdock property.

New Business:

- 1) Revisiting the *Pomfret Business Directory*- N. Gardner passed around existing directories for review, suggestions for scrubs were made and the *Pomfret Times* will be asked to solicit listings.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None.

Other: C. Baldwin updated the members on the status of a pending Cell Tower application on Angell Road as well as the status of the Sewer Project.

Adjournment: 9:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Gardner
Chairman