

Minutes
Economic Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
8:00 AM Pomfret Senior Center/Grange

Present: N. Gardner, J. Stoddard, J. Folsom, M. Collins, W, Hinchman, R. Viani
Selectmen P. Mann and M. Nicholson

Guest: Diane Nadeau, Windham Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Council.

Call to Order: 8:00 AM

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

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Additions to the Agenda: The Eastern CT Tourism Council and 2013 Budget

Old Business:

- 1) Murdock Property- RFP Boring Proposal: N. Gardner thanked the committee for their response to recommend moving forward with testing of 2 well sites. M. Nicholson clarified her position and spoke about possible permitting concerns to the committee. A letter dated Jan. 9, 2013 from the Town of Pomfret to CME Associates awarding the testing bid was read into record.
- 2) Steakum's Plant- N. Gardner reported that he had spoken with Peter Lange of Colliers, Dow and Congdon, the listing agent on the property. The property is now listed at \$1.6MM.
Maureen Nicholson reported that NECCOG was moving ahead with a self-funded feasibility study on Value-Added Processing Facilities in Northeastern Connecticut.

- 3) Pomfret Business Visitations- The committee discussed a joint meeting with the Pomfret Proprietors this spring.
- 4) CERC Meeting- N. Gardner reported on a Jan meeting of regional economic development and town officials that was held at NECCOG. CERC has been hired by the area to look at developing a joint marketing plan for the region.
- 5) Pomfret 300th Celebration- The EDC will be reaching out for historical business information through the Pomfret Times.
- 6) Build Out- No report.

New Business:

- 1) Meeting Schedule for 2013. The following meeting dates were proposed for 2013. All meetings are to be held at the Pomfret Senior Center and begin at 8 AM.

2/12/13

3/12/13

4/9/13

5/14/13

6/11/13

7/9/13

8/13/13

9/10/13

10/8/13

11/12/13

12/10/13

A motion to approve the meeting schedule was made by W.

Hinchman and seconded by M. Collins

- 2) 2013-2018 Plan of Conservation and Development- The statewide plan is available on line at the CT Office of Policy and Management website.
- 3) Tourism Council- Diane Nadeau of the Windham Chamber of Commerce and the Mystic County Tourism Council spoke about the importance of tourism as an economic engine in small towns. She discussed a number of programs that the tourism council is having including a Peer

Mentoring Advisor Network done jointly with the Windham Council of the Arts.

Pomfret Businesses can also ask to be listed in tourism materials and the calendar of events.

- 4) 2013-2014 FY Budget- The committee discussed their budget for the upcoming fiscal year and in light of the difficult fiscal environment proposed keeping their budget flat at \$700, which is divided into the following cost centers- \$100 Legal Notices, \$100 Printing Expenses, \$500 Capital Fund. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by J. Folsom and seconded by M. Collins.

Other: None

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Adjournment: 9:15AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Gardner

Chairman