

Minutes
Economic Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
8:00 AM Pomfret Senior Center

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

Guests: Craig Baldwin, First Selectman & Maureen Nicholson

Call to Order: 8:00 AM.

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

Citizens Statements and Petitions: Ms Nicholson inquired about the status of the solar RFP.

Additions to the Agenda: Solar RFP

Old Business:

- 1) Regional Tech Park- Members inquired about the status of the agreement to formally join the Quinebaug Regional Technology Park. So far the Town of Putnam has not given the prospective member towns a formal agreement to review.
- 2) Solar RFP- A discussion was held about the size and scope of the potential solar project for which one proposal was received by our legal counsel in the Hartford area. The pending state RFP for the sale and distribution of solar power has not been released yet. The members discussed props and cons of “clean” energy. Concerns were expressed regarding the conversion of some farmland into a solar array.

New Business:

1) Brainstorming-

The members discussed potential avenues for development and were interested in hearing what NECCOG thought about area growth. We will ask NECCOG to speak on other commercial and industrial developments in the area and possible synergies with the new UConn Tech Park in Mansfield.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Adjournment: 9:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Gardner
Chairman