

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Essex – 30 Main Street, Centerbrook,CT**  
**January 10, 2018 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Acting Chairman Ed Cook, Brian Weinstein and Peter Decker. Also in attendance were Norm Needleman, First Selectmen, Susan Malan, Consultant, George Sexton, Planning, Russ Smith, Zoning and Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission. Absent: Janet Peckinpaugh, David Winstead, Betsy D'Amico

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Cook at 4:05pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Brian Weinstein and seconded by George Sexton the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the December 13, 2017 minutes as written.

**INTRODUCTION**

**Visitors:**

None

**Commissioners:**

No additional comment.

**REPORT FROM EDC CONSULTANT/SUSAN MALAN/JOE BUDROW'S REPORT**

Ms. Malan discussed her report. Wrights Steakhouse has permanently closed. Quality Care Drug has closed but will reopen in March under new ownership. Walker Loden closed. Cumberland Farms is expected to open in mid-January. The Witch Hazel Works water tower has been painted. An art gallery will open at 12 Main Street. Nalas Engineering is proposing two additions.

Mr. Needleman stated that there are two spots open on the Zoning Commission. The final draft of the regulations is complete. Mr. Decker discussed new tenants in the Witch Hazel Works building. A small brewery which will also have meeting space will be moving in and the Highclere Castle Cigar Company will also move their headquarters to the building.

A presentation will be done to the Realtors to help them understand the zoning regulations and land use expectations.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Zoning Meeting, January 22, 2018 at 7:00pm. EDC Parking Ordinance on Agenda.**

The parking regulation change for Essex village is going to public hearing on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Modifications may need to be made to include Ivoryton.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Business Guests to Invite in Coming Months**

The marina personnel will be attending a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Scotch Plain Tavern on February 14, 2018 at 4:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:36p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk