

**Economic Development Commission Meeting
Essex Town Hall
April 12, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.**

Essex Economic Development Commission meeting was held on April 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. In attendance – Chair Janet Peckinpaugh, Ed Cooke, Brian Weinstein, Russ Smith (Zoning Liaison); George Sexton (Planning Liaison); David Sousa, Betsy D’Amico, David Winstead.

Call to Order

Chair Peckinpaugh called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting made by David Winstead, seconded by Betsy D’Amico; the Essex Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes.

Visitors

Judy Heiser – Essex Board of Trade

Report from Town Hall Consultant/Zoning matters

Economic Development Consultant Susan Malan monthly update – see attached.
Susan Malan ED Consultant gave the updated Zoning Officer report – see attached.

Planning Commission liaison report

George Sexton gave the Commission the results of the Town’s recent housing survey. The survey was distributed via email to approximate 650 residents – the Planning Commission received 216 responses.

Zoning Commission liaison report

Russ Smith reported on the pending application for Essex Boat Works and 45 Main Street Ivoryton.

Discussion items

There was discussion regarding Essex Station completion date, Middlesex Hospital moving its rehab from Plains Road to the former clinic building, RiverCOG planned move, 9 Town Transit long term planning, sale of the Congregational Church in Ivoryton, the sale of the former Page Taft building.

New Business

None

Adjournment

David Winstead made a motion to adjourn at 4:48 p.m. seconded by Betsy D’Amico – Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Malan
Economic Development Consultant