

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
ESSEX TOWN HALL
January 11, 2017 - 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:00pm. In attendance were George Sexton, Betsy D'Amico and Janet Peckinpaugh. Also in attendance were Norm Needleman, First Selectman, Susan Malan Economic Development Consultant and Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission. Absent: David Winstead, Ed Cook, Lon Seidman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Janet Peckinpaugh at 4:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Betsy D'Amico and seconded by George Sexton the Essex Economic Development Committee unanimously **VOTED** to table the minutes from December 14, 2016.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors:

Ed Castelli is visiting and hoping to get more information regarding starting a business in Essex.
Brian Weinstein

Ms. Heiser, Essex Board of Trade, noted that Essex Ed is getting ready for the parade on January 29th at 2:00pm.

Commissioners:

No additional comment.

REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT /ZONING MATTERS

The Christmas Barn is permanently closed. It needs work but has a large lot for parking. 45 Main Street in Ivoryton has a possible buyer that would like to have an antiques business in the garage. This site is currently zoned village residential. The buyer will propose a text amendment to Zoning. Cumberland Farms is still working with the State regarding their renovations. The Red Balloon is permanently closed. Essex Dermatology is adding on to their building. The Ivoryton and Essex Post Offices have been sold. Truffle Shots has opened another location in the DC area.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Request for 2017-2018

The budget remains the same as 2016.

Upon a motion made by Betsy D'Amico and seconded by George Sexton the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2017 budget in the amount of \$14,100.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No additional items.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning will send a representative to EDC, but will this person will be a non-voting representative.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:42p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk