

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** Wednesday January 14, 2015

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Town Council Chamber

**AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order
  
- B. Public Comments
  
- C. Reading of Minutes.
  - i. December 17, 2014 Economic Development Commission Meeting  
(Attachment 1)
  
- D. Town Planner's Presentation
  
- E. Economic Development Director's report (attachment 2)
  
- F. Old Business
  - i. Business Breakfast Speakers
  
- G. New Business

**cc:** Economic Development Commissioners  
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula Ray, Town Clerk  
Deb Bull, Administrative Assistant (by e-mail)  
Jeff Apuzzo, Town Council Liaison

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT**  
Economic Development Commission  
December 17, 2014

**Present:**

Augusto Russell  
Dan Kleinman  
Robert Reeve  
Joe Howard  
Joan Valenti  
Brian Connolly

**ABSENT**

Jeff Apuzzo  
John Karwoski

**Staff:**

Rose Ponte

**A. Call to Order.**

- a. The Meeting was called to order by Augusto Russell at 6:30 p.m.

**B. Public Comments.**

- a. N/A

**C. Approve the November 19 , 2014 minutes (attachment 1 )**

- a. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 19, 2014 minutes. (Howard/Kleinman).

**i. Approved Unanimously**

**D. Presentation, Mr. Shawn Curtis**

a. Mr. Curtis presented his concept plans for the Red Stone Pub to be located in Unionville, in the former Upson Nut & Bolt Company. Mr. Curtis will be going before TPZ in January and requested a positive referral from EDC, he submitted the Economic Impact form as well as other supporting documents. Commissioner Reeve did not take part in any discussions since he has represented the owner of the building.

b. A motion was made and seconded to issue a positive referral to TPZ (Valenti/Connolly), Commissioner Reeve abstained, the rest voted in favor, the motion passed.

**E. Town Planner's Presentation was tabled.**

**F. Economic Development Director's monthly report**

a. The January Business Breakfast will feature CBIA and their new CT 20X17 business initiative. In the spring Susan Herbst, president of UCONN will be the second speaker, and the final fall breakfast will feature a CEO panel.

b. The Beautify Farmington Sponsorship program was a huge success, they reached their goal and funded both summer and holiday flowers.

**G. Old Business**

**a. Farmington Rock Cats**

Rose reported that approximately \$1668.00 was raised for the Rock Cats in 2014. She informally surveyed the businesses that participated last year and some expressed disappointment with benefits they received from the program. A motion was made and seconded (Kleinman/Howard) to discontinue Farmington Business Night at the Rock Cats. Approved unanimously.

**H. Adjournment**

- a.** A motion was made and seconded (Howard / Valenti) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Ponte  
Economic Development Director

CC: EDC Members  
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula Ray, Town Clerk  
Deb Bull, Administrative Assistant

**Report of the Economic Development Director  
December 2014**

During the month of December I met or visited with:

1. Shawn Curtis, and Mark Lubetkin, Red Stone Pub
2. Thomas Merenda, Ducci Electric
3. Carmine Fortuna, Coldwell Banker
4. Bob Landino, Developer
5. Brendan Moran, Larry Kiel, Chamber of Commerce
6. Tom Burmeister, Profit Miners
7. Laura Mancuso, State Historic Preservation Office
8. Anurag Jivanani, start- up company entrepreneur
9. David Occhialini, 1 Waterville Road Developer
10. Peter Gioia, CBIA
11. Stuart Johnson, president of the Aaron Burr Association

**PARTNERSHIPS in December**

Chamber of Commerce Bioscience Summit Steering Committee Wrap up Meeting

Chamber of Commerce monthly executive board meeting

Town Council Subcommittee to set a goal for private/public land development

CEDAS Board Meeting

Preservation Now meeting

CT Main Street, strategic planning committee member

Rotary Weekly Meeting

Central Chamber of Commerce, Legislature Committee

CERC Celebrate Success event at The Bushnell

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Kissing Ball Sponsorship Thank You letters

Holiday Greetings E-Blast highlighting upcoming community holiday events

January Business Breakfast Invitation.