

Town of Deep River Economic Development Commission June 17, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Lewis called this regular meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

Members in attendance: Lewis, Reyer, Dahl, Quentin, McDonald

Acceptance of Minutes: Upon *Motion* by Reyer, seconded by Dahl then carried unanimously, the Minutes from the April and May 2019 meeting were accepted as presented. Quentin abstained from approving the April minutes as she was not in attendance.

Audience: Christine Nucci.

Old Business:

- **Transient moorings:** Reyer reporting that two moorings have been set and marked. McDonald to contact Mackenzie to have him contact Garmin and Active Captain to list the coordinates on their respective navigation programs.

New Business:

Harbor District: Nucci inquiring about the lack of vitality in the Harbor District. Lewis suggested she become involved to determine what obstacles are in the way, and formulate ideas to expand potential development in the harbor area. A lengthy discussion followed of ideas to attract tourism to the Harbor District. Lewis stated that expansion of the Harbor District seems a logical avenue to undertake. McDonald stated a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission would be an appropriate starting point.

Mount Saint Johns: Lewis is reporting he has been led to believe that this tax-exempt 80-acre parcel is for sale by the Archdiocese of Norwich. This topic has been the source of several meetings between the Archdiocese and First Selectmen over the past 15 years. Both Dahl and Reyer stating the Town should assist in finding a developer that would place this substantial asset on the tax rolls. Lewis believes the property is currently assessed at 36.4 million. MacDonald plans to contact the Archdiocese to determine the validity that this potential asset is in fact being sold.

Natural Gas expansion: McDonald and Lewis are inquiring about the extension of the gas line by Southern Connecticut Natural Gas in the area of Kirtland Street and Winter Avenue. The Water Pollution Control and Mount Saint Johns have expressed interest. In addition, McDonald is researching the viability of a liquefied natural gas fuel cell on Water Pollution Control property. This project would stabilize electric rates for town owned properties.

Adjournment: Upon *Motion* by Lewis, seconded by Reyer and carried unanimously, this meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 15, 2019 @ 7pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lewis
Secretary