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Time 1:15 pm
Thomaston Town Clerk

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Thomaston EDC

July 11, 2016

Present: Mike Madow, Matt Stancavage, Rich Sileo, Sue Holway, Jeff Dunn, Joe Hartz, Lissa Jennings

Others: Jeremy Leifert-Staff, Carol Hoebel-Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Motion to accept the minutes from June was made by Sue H. Seconded by Mike M. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Communications:

1. CERC- They will come and do a workshop "Economic Development 101" free of charge to any municipality in CT. Jeremy will try to set it up for the November meeting.
2. Legislative Updates – Tax Credit Program has been passed and signed by the Governor. Small Business Regulations was vetoed by the Governor, but over ruled by the House. Property Tax Abatements for Arts and Culture was vetoed by the Governor and over ruled by the Senate.
3. Updated Member List for EDC was handed out. There is 1 vacancy. 2 positions are expiring in October and appointments of Officers will have to be done in November.

Old Business:

1. No update on the Grant
2. No changes in Property Listings
3. Tax Incentive Ordinance Revisions still on hold. Need to get more information about the Arts and Culture Tax Abatements. Rich S. will try to get more information.
4. Nothing new on gateway signage. Need to speak to the State to see what the options are to put a sign up.

5. Introduction Letter still on hold

New Business:

EDC members need to start thinking about a new logo and slogan for Thomaston, and is it up to EDC to change it?

Business Happenings:

New Business Equipment Rental place on 19 Waterbury Rd.

GR Engineering business has moved into 136 East Main St.

Jeff D. mentioned that the State has cut Regional Tourism Money and this is going to hurt the towns trying to promote Tourism throughout the State.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Video and Website – There will be a meeting on Wednesday to talk about the Video. Headings are all set and it was approved to have a Drone take pictures in Thomaston. Need to find out where Non-profits fit into the Video. Website Contract has been signed and ready to be done.
2. Downtown Development – no report but Jeremy will set up a meeting between members from P&Z, Business Owners and EDC members.

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm by Jeff D. and seconded by Matt S. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hoebel - Secretary