

1. Call to Order

The Chester Economic Development Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Flett called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were Steve Flett, Michael Sanders and Susan Wright.

3. Audience of Citizens

Guests included First Selectman Ed Meehan.

4. Discussion of 2014 Program Initiatives

Chairman Flett reviewed the discussions of the December meeting relating to the 2014 initiatives. After discussion it was agreed that a program of guest speakers would be a key deliverable for the EDC this coming year. It was further agreed that Susan Wright would prepare an outline of the objectives of the program and that members of EDC would meet with various members and groups in the community in order to identify topics of interest that the EDC could include in the program.

5. Energy Committee Program

First Selectman Meehan outlined the Energy Committee's interest to present in February to Chester business owners the programs available through the Clean Energy Financing and Investment Authority. These programs are designed to incentivize businesses to invest in clean energy. The Energy Committee is requesting EDC's assistance and participation in the program. It was agreed that Chairman Flett would meet with Ed Meehan to obtain a list of potential participants and that members of EDC would contact these businesses to request their attendance.

Chairman Flett noted EDC should reach out to the Merchants Association and various other groups to see what other areas could be covered. Flett also noted he looked at the Merchants Brochure and was very impressed with what some of the businesses do.

There was a brief discussion regarding the recent Job Fair held in Middletown.

First Selectman Meehan noted the budget preparation for the upcoming year should include money to replace the "Welcome to Chester" signs which are deteriorating. Brief discussion followed. Meehan noted Peter and Janet Good are working with the Main Street Project Committee for wayfinding signs. He also noted there should be a spot on the bottom of the sign for "interchangeable" signs.

Chairman Flett asked for an update on the Aaron Manor denial by Planning & Zoning. Michael Sanders explained the Plan of Conservation & Development didn't need to be changed in order for Aaron Manor to tie into the Town's sewer system.

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First Selectman Meehan noted Aaron Manor will eventually have to go before Planning & Zoning for a Section 8-24, Public Improvement Referral, if they choose to pursue this matter.

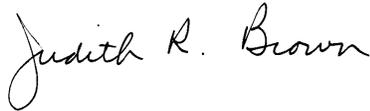
6. Approval of Minutes – December

Chairman Flett advised that due to illness the minutes have not as yet been prepared and that the commission would defer approval of those minutes until the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary