

Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting  
UN-Approved Minutes  
July 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Prospect Economic Development Commission was called to order by Peter Hughes @ 7:08 p.m. The meeting was held in the large conference room at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street.

**Members Present:** Larry Rifkin, Eileen Cranney, Mark Graveline, Peter Hughes and Ron Laone

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Louis Booth

**Guests:** Maura Esposito, Director of Chesprocott Health District came to the meeting to advise of the role of the Health District. M. Esposito explained that the role is ever changing from monitoring of disease outbreaks, to educating the food businesses on safe practices and to meeting with area businesses on helping them through issues with their septic systems including upgrades. M. Esposito stated she attends many different civic meetings and recently has partnered with communities on the importance of getting older people to go out and socialize. M. Esposito commented that monies for her department come in from the (3) Towns of Cheshire, Prospect and Wolcott, the State of Connecticut and grants. The State recently reduced the per capita funding for the Health District. M. Esposito stated that she and her staff are thinking creatively on how to off-set costs to the Towns. M. Esposito stated that she has joined the Prospect Businessmen's Association. M. Esposito also stated that she is going out into the communities to help businesses understand the limitations of their septic systems, especially in the Rte 69 corridor of Prospect and advised the EDC that there are limitations on the businesses. M. Esposito explained that updating current septic systems or hooking into public sewer and water is costly. M. Esposito stated she is trying to educate everyone as many departments need to come together, to be on the same page, including the developers. R. Laone stated that there should be long term planning and advised that during Budget Season, the Town should be putting monies away (about 1%) for future sewer hookup. M. Esposito suggested contacting her department regarding new businesses coming into town, if there are any concerns.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Update on Meeting with Town Council for Tax Incentive Ordinance: Commission members stated that the proposed Ordinance (modeled after Wolcott's Ordinance 93) would be a guide to use but with fewer restrictions. L. Rifkin commented that Theresa Graveline contacted him regarding meeting with the EDC to go forward with the Ordinance.

R. Laone commented that he had received an email from Mayor Robert J. Chatfield regarding the STEAP grant for sidewalks. Mayor Chatfield advised that the sidewalks, if

the grant is approved, will go around Town Hall and to the intersection. R. Laone will ask Mayor Chatfield if the CT DOT could perform a survey for this portion of Rte 69.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by L. Rifkin, seconded by E. Cranney to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** The meeting adjourned @ 8:30 p.m.

*Peter Hughes, Chairman*

*Rosalyn B. Moffo, Clerk*