

**Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
May 24, 2021
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Jack Betkoski called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Members Present: Jack Betkoski (JB), Dennis Phipps (DEP), Edward Mulvihill (EM), Jeremy Rodorigo (JR)

Members Absent: Brian DeGeorge (BD), David Pokras (DAP)

Others Present: None

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion made to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 meeting DEP/JR, all ayes. There was no meeting in April.

3. Comments from the Public

None

4. Correspondence

None

5. Old Business

- Beacon Falls Market – JB – I spoke with Charlie Lee today and there are some potential prospects on the horizon. He does not want to sell; he wants to rent.
- Berco Tank– JB – this project is almost done.
- Kolga – JB - we can remove this from the agenda, that project has been cancelled.
- TPA Streetscape Project – JB – we have applied for a grant and Natasha did a great job, but we did not get it. One of the things that has happening is they are setting up a Naugatuck Valley Development Corporation which is made up of Waterbury and Naugatuck. They are extending it to a few towns which will hopefully include us. The Legislature just passed a bill last week where they will have some start up money with that. I spent a lot of time speaking with Tom Hyatt, who is the Executive Director. Very near in the future we may have meeting with these people. As far as the MOU with Naugatuck that is done, and I think we would get more by working with the Naugatuck Valley Development Corporation. It would be similar to CERC and would be on a case-by-case basis. EM – and we would pay him for their time? JB - Fees have not yet been worked out yet but we have money in the budget.
- Other Updates – JR – does anyone know what is going on next to Subway? I have seen people in there working. EM – a shake place. JR – and what about next to the bakery? JB –

that is a real estate office. JB – how is Joe doing? JR – he said that business was booming, and my hope is he continues on. JB – I am not sure how he sustained himself, he was closed for over a year. EM – good for him. JR – Farmer's Market is going to open earlier this year. Last year, we had about 10 vendors. JB – that is quite a few people. DEP – are there any COVID concerns? JR – last year there were but we follow the guidelines and many of them have been relaxed. They set the guidelines for farmers markets, fairs etc. Our farmers are really good. JB – I did go to the budget hearing and our budget for the next fiscal year is \$4,600. JB – CKS packaging is expanding in the Murtha Industrial park. They are looking for enterprise tax credits. You may have also read in the paper that they had a thing at Breault Road. No one on the EDC knew about the Urban Mining ribbon cutting.

6. New Business

JB – someone mentioned that we should do some recognition for long time business owners and present it to them at a meeting. We should plan to present them at the next meeting. Business owners - Ray Shea, Gabe Fugo, Pete Smith, and Charlie Lee. JB – I will get names and details to EM. EM will work on awards. DEP – what is going on with Fairfield Place now? JR – Liz stated her son-in-law is trying to manage the business affairs. Charlie Edwards Construction is out of business, so they are trying to figure everything out.

7. Grant News /Update/EDC Coordinator Update

Nothing new to report.

8. Payment of Bills

None

9. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:31 PM. JR/EM, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry McAndrew
Clerk, EDC*