

**EDC Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, January 15th 2015  
Town Hall

Meeting convened @ 6:05pm

**Members Present:**

Chair, Brett Mastroianni  
Treasurer, Christine Wagner  
Secretary, Andrea Sadowski  
Bernard Bartick  
Marilyn Mackay  
Barbara Campagna  
George Tattersall

**Others Present:**

First Selectman, Nick Mullane  
Juliet Leeming

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chair, Dave Islom  
Robert Kimball

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for December 18, 2015 were moved for approval by George, 2nd by Christine, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report/Budget Report:**

The board talked about having Affordable Housing moved to its own line. Juliet spoke about proposed budget line changes. The bill with Virtual Town Hall for website creation and possible confusion of annually payment for service of the website was brought up. Christine is going to call and get details of exactly what the contract covered and decide on a time for the initial training. The goal is to complete payment under this years budget. It was previously handled by Ray who is no longer on the board.

Juliet also reminded the board of upcoming membership renewals. The board will postpone the decision whether to continue the memberships or not before they come up for renewal again.

**Meeting was adjourned @ 6:15pm to continue in an Executive Session.**

**Executive Session of the EDC**

**The executive session was called to order @ 6:17pm.**

**Discussion of Job Candidate:**

Brett informed the board that 2 candidates went through the interview process. Those in attendance leaned toward Sam Eisenbeiser. Therefore Sam was invited in to be introduced to the entire board. This also allows for further questioning for those members that weren't in attendance for the interview process. At the end of this session, the board will determine if they want to go ahead with Sam and hire him for the part time EDC Specialist position.

Nick informed the board that if we do decide to hire Sam for the position, he would bring the contracts to the labor lawyer to get approval as a courtesy to the board.

**Executive session adjourned @ 6:30pm**

**EDC meeting re-convened @ 6:31pm**

**Meet and Greet with prospective Part Time EDC Specialist Sam Eisenbeiser:**

The interview/questioning process started with board member Marilyn Mackay. She had several questions revolving around agricultural projects in the town. Sam agreed and had positive feedback for Marilyn on her questions.

Bernard questioned the towns record of being hard on financial proposals and how did he plan to convince the town otherwise. Sam explained his history of using online polling. He also would make sure to stay within the town's community character.

Brett asked how many active consulting jobs he has currently. Sam answered that he has none at the present time. Brett also talked with Sam about the opportunity for 'mall traffic' with the 80+ outlets going in at Foxwoods Casino.

\*These were just a few of the questions asked of proposed part time EDC Specialist Sam Eisenbeiser and is no way a complete dialog of what was discussed.

The meet and greet ended @7:05pm. At this time Sam Eisenbeiser left and the board continued with the monthly meeting.

**Continued Treasurer/ Budget Report:**

The approved budget is for \$41,051 but only \$3,398.10 was used since the EDC position wasn't filled. Now that the position will be occupied some of that money will be used. Juliet warned the board to be aware of the \$2,000 Supplies, Printing &

Professional Services budget now that we no longer need to purchase a laptop. She suggested to the board that we make sure to buy all the things that the new hire will need for the position as soon as it is filled. The money was already budgeted for that purpose.

The decision whether to cancel the CEDAS membership has been shelved until next year.

Juliet also informed the board that we had been approached by Icons for a donation of \$400 to aid in their quarterly newsletter. The board put it to vote: Christine made a motion in favor of donating the money to Icons for their quarterly newsletter; Bernard 2nd the motion, all were in favor except Marilyn abstained. Therefore the motion passed. The donation will be made to Icons for \$400.

**Part Time EDC Specialist Candidate Discussion:**

After having the time to meet and question the candidate, Sam Eisenbeiser, Christine made a motion to proceed with the hiring of Sam Eisenbeiser; Bernard 2nd the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

**Bernard moved to adjourn the meeting, Christine 2nd the motion. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:45pm.**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, February 19, 2015 @ 6pm