

i. Town Recognition/Beautification Award (Commissioners Longton, Thorn, Gatheral.

M. Gatheral reported that the Committee had not met and said no candidates have been suggested for the award. She also asked that the agenda is amended to say "Business Recognition Program," per the charge of the Town Council.

e. From Special Committees.

i. SBA Committee.

J. Toner reported that he obtained the list from M. Vlaun of the new town businesses from January 2010 to present discussed at the last meeting. However, the list does not include the phone numbers for the business. He will contact Judy in Planning & Zoning to obtain the numbers. J. Andriote and L. Bunnell agreed last month to assist J. Toner with contacting the new businesses, two to three per week, and setting up times to meet with them.

10. Unfinished Business.

a. Incentive Programs for discussion (Commissioner Andriote).

J. Andriote reported that this item was put by the wayside last month due to the attention on the Town's budget. He said that M. Vlaun has since given him a list of incentive programs used by other Connecticut towns that he has not yet reviewed. He indicated that his idea for the incentive program was to assist smaller Town businesses. During discussion of the incentive program, J. Andriote mentioned a well-known restaurant, Sonic, that is seeking to develop eight more locations. He suggested that the Committee compile information that could be sent out to potential businesses. Creating a list of classes of businesses was suggested by C. Longton. J. Andriote commented that the funds budgeted for the Commission is used to hire a consultant to assess ways to attract and retain new businesses in Montville. Consulting costs and determining a way to obtain the aforementioned information at no cost were discussed at length by the Commission, in addition to challenges for potential businesses opening shop in the Town of Montville. M. Gatheral spoke about a study done previously in the Town.

Motion: That the Commission wishes to initiate a study to determine the economic climate that exists in the Town of Montville that prevents new small businesses attempting to locate here and remain here; and to assist them, the Commission would like to attain outside professional assistance to help determine the direction the Commission should proceed in this study.

Proposed by: Jim Andriote
Seconded by: Marjorie Gatheral
Vote: Carried unanimously

C. Longton suggested that J. Andriote, M. Gatheral, and A. Skulczyck report back at the next meeting with a preliminary plan. J. Andriote agreed to speak with D. Jacobson about obtaining professional information from UCONN. C. Longton also asked the sub-committee to approach Sonic, the business referred to earlier by J. Andriote, to determine if Montville is being considered as a potential business site and if not, why not? A. Skulczyck will report back on businesses seeking to open in Montville. M. Gatheral read the purpose for Commission and Commission then discussed its responsibility.

b. Organize a Historical Scenic Travel Route as a tourism incentive.

J. Toner reported that he and M. Gatheral have not met to work on this item. M. Gatheral asked if they should contact other towns and said that she had previously contacted the New London

EDC. She also asked if G. Gathers would prepare an email/phone number list for the Commission.

11. New Business.

a. Review and revise Commission rules and procedures.

Motion: That the Commission tables discussion to review and revise the Commission Rules and Procedures.

Proposed by: Al Skulczyck
Seconded by: Ann Mattson
Vote: No vote taken

Motion to Modify: That the Commission tables discussion to review and revise the Commission Rules and Procedures, but allows J. Andriote to give a brief presentation, without discussion, on sections to review/revise.

Proposed by: Marjorie Gatheral
Seconded by: Jim Toner
Vote: No vote taken

J. Andriote agreed to email his proposed revisions to G. Gathers who will black-line them and forward them to the Commission. J. Toner suggested tackling one to two items per meeting.

12. Other Business.

None

13. Remarks (three minute limit).

a. From Individual Commissioners.

C. Longton stated that he would send a letter to J. Diamantini about working on the Commission.

b. From Town Council Liaison.

B. Caron was absent from the meeting.

c. From the Public on EDC topics.

None

10. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Ann Mattson
Seconded by: Al Skulczyck
Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Charles Longton, Chair
Economic Development Commission

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary