TOWN OF MONTVILLE MEETING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION February 23, 2011

- 1. Call to Order: Commissioner Chuck Longton called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. <u>Roll Call</u>: Commissioners James Andriote, Marjorie Gatheral, Ann Mattson, Al Skulczyck, Robert Thorn and Chuck Longton were present. Commissioners John Diamantini, James Toner & Leonard Bunnell were absent. Town Council Liaison Bill Caron was present.
- 4. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the Agenda: None
- 5. Adjustments to the Agenda: None
- 6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: No minutes available
- 7. Communications: None
- 8. Guest Speaker: None
- 9. Reports
 - a. From the Mayor: Mayor Jaskiewicz was absent from the meeting.
 - b. From the Town Planner: Marsha Vlaun was absent from the meeting.
 - c. <u>From the EDC Liaison</u>: Bill Caron attended Governors meeting. State budget was discussed, also it was discussed that Economic Development meetings should be held with other adjoining towns. Also AES Thames and Stone Container Corp. have been bought out. EDC should be backing up local business.
 - d. <u>From Standing Committees</u>: Town Recognition/Beautification Award (Commissioners Longton, Thorn, Gatheral). R. Thorn reported a list of Businesses considered and discussed. Grist Mill Plaza, Allen Professional Building, Hyatt Hotel, CVS Drug Store, Tri Town Food, Golden Palace, Montville Professional Building, Oakdale Market Plaza and Builders Tile. Bill Caron left the room during this discussion. After further discussion R. Thorn made a motion for the 1st Quarter award be given to Allen's Montville Professional Building on Route 32.

Proposed by:

R. Thorn

Seconded by:

A. Skulczyck

Vote:

carried unanimously

Bill Caron came back in room. After much discussion it was decided to nominate Golden Palace for the 2nd quarter, Builders Tile for the 3rd and Mr. Kahn's Oakdale Country Market for the 4th. The new Oakdale Pizza Plaza will be a prime for January.

e. From Special Committees: SBA Committee: none

10. Unfinished Business

a. Review and revise Commission rules and procedures. It was noted that Commissioner Andriot had done an excellent job in leading the effort to bring the EDC's Rules and Procedures up to date and correcting the several inconsistencies.

Discussion and Motion to accept

Proposed by:

R. Thorn

Seconded by:

A. Skulczyck

Vote:

carried unanimously

b. Organize a Historical Scenic travel route as a tourism incentive. (Commissioner Toner and Gatheral): Tabled

11. New Business.

- a. Discussion of Mohegan Sun Employee-Only Gasoline Station. (Commissioner Skulczyck): Discussed to be built on parking lot at corner of Cove Road Extension.
- 12. Other Business: Discussion on how to dovetail Montville businesses with The Mohegan Tribal Nation for mutual benefit. Marge Gatheral spoke of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce meeting scheduled for Thu Feb 24th, and said she would be in attendance. She would see if she might be able to broach the subject with the Chamber membership if she could. Council Liaison Bill Caron suggested looking at "In Kind" approaches that would benefit both the Tribe and the Town. He said he would broach the subject with Tribal leadership.

13. Remarks

- a. From individual Commissioners.
 - J. Andriote thought we had a very good meeting and accomplished a lot. M. Gatheral said she would fill out format for Business Recognition to give to B. Caron to present to Town Council and L. Bunnell would arrange to order a Plaque.
- b. From Town Council Liaison.
 - B. Caron said Vision Appraisal is now circulating in Town for Revaluation and visiting each home. He will suggest that another ad be placed in the Montville Times and/or Channel 20 so homeowners will expect them and will advise EDC when ad will be.

14. Adjournment.

Motion: Meeting adjourned

Proposed by:

Ann Mattson

Seconded by:

Al Skulczyck

Vote:

carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Marjorie Gatheral,

Standing in for Secretary Gloria Gather