

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**March 16, 2009**

*This was an informational meeting as a forum was not present.*

**Item 1. Call to Order.**

The informational meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

**Item 2. Roll Call.**

The following Economic Development Commissioners (EDC) were present: Leonard Bunnell, Jr., Ann Mattson, Robert Thorn, and Al Skulczyck. Also attending were Marcia Vlaun, Town Planner, and Mayor Joseph Jaskiewicz.

Marjorie Gatheral, John Diamantini, Edward Jones, Cyril Longton and Liaison William Caron were absent.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of November 17, 2008, were not approved.

**Item 4. Correspondence.**

There was no correspondence to report.

**Item 5. New Business.**

**a. Update from Town Planner.**

M. Vlaun reported to Commissioners on the following:

1. The Community Builders Association will hold a program for EDC members on March 31, 2009, May 13, 2009, and September 30, 2009 that will be held in Groton.
2. A foreclosure update in the Town of Montville from 2007 to present was discussed. M. Vlaun said that out of 5669 owner occupied units 99 of them are in foreclosure. The foreclosures reflect homes units built before 1970.
3. A Planning Department Economy Update February 2009 was presented.
4. *The Quarter Forecast – From Turning Point to Tipping Point, and Beyond* from The Connecticut Economy, Spring 2009, was distributed.
5. *A Guided Tour of Connecticut's Utility Infrastructure* from The Connecticut Economy, Spring 2009 was handed out.
6. *A Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions* as of 2009 by the Federal Reserve District was also distributed.

M. Vlaun summarized data compiled by the Planning Department on homes sold since 2000 and their current net work. Also discussed was a 10% drop in recent homes sold. M. Vlaun also referred to the unemployment rate within the Town that she said was lower than the Federal and State but is expected to go higher. She also mentioned that single family homes permits are down and added that Montville Commons has added to the grand list.

M. Vlaun gave the Commissioners an update on building projects within the Town. She referenced a recent Supreme Court decision and its affect on the Mohegan Sun Casino, the Town, and future annexation. M. Vlaun also notified the Commissioners that she and Mayor Jaskiewicz would be speaking at the Montville Chamber of Commerce. She also asked that the Commission assist the local Chamber with sponsoring a Seminar in May 2009, with representatives from the Federal Small Business Association (SBA), SCORE, and the local Chamber. The seminar will focus on small business entities and anyone who has small business space within the Town. She said that small businesses are "the backbone for jobs" within Montville. M. Vlaun said that she would like the Commission to be involved. She also said that the WPCA would give data on sewer plans. The Mayor wholly supported the idea.

M. Vlaun would

**b. Update from Mayor.**

Mayor Jaskiewicz stated that M. Vlaun had covered all of the information well. He also reported that he had no news on the stimulus funds from Governor Rell.

**Item 6. Old Business.**

**a. Discussion of documents—*Current Economic Conditions; Montville Finished Commercial and Industrial Build-out; Montville Residential Build-out.***

These items were discussed by M. Vlaun earlier in the meeting.

**b. Sub-committee report on candidates for Town Recognition Proposal.**

There was no report from the sub-committee.

**c. Follow up discussion from C. Longton on energy conservation and revenue proposals for the Town of Montville.**

C. Longton was absent from the meeting.

**Item 7. Other Business to come before the Commission.**

A. Skulczyck commented on the ongoing attendance issues with Commission members.

**Item 8. Remarks by the Public relating to items on the agenda (limited to three minutes.)**

There were no remarks by the Public.

**Item 9. Adjournment.**

The informational meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Albert Skulczyck, Chair  
Economic Development Commission

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Clerk