

**THOMASTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010**

Members Present: Jeff Dunn, Mike Madow, Rich Sileo, Pat Santa Maria, at 7:00 pm Ralph Celone

Others Present: Tom Scully, Robby Piazzaroli, Town Times; Paul & Christine Yoos

J. Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm when a quorum was present.

Minutes:

A motion was made by M. Madow and seconded by R. Sileo to accept the April 22, 2010 minutes as written. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

Agenda Item A - Discussion of Kloter Farmers

P. Santa Maria reported that the Zoning Office received an inquiry from Kloter Farms to find out if they would be allowed to sell sheds at the vacant lot between Rite Aid and Dunkin Donuts on S. Main St. They were told that they could, but there has been no further contact from them.

J. Dunn will contact Kloter Farms to see what their intent is and if he can help.

Agenda Item B - Discussion of Quality Rolling & DeBurring

M. Madow explained that Quality Rolling has their own in-house waste water treatment because of regulatory issues and not being allowed to discharge into the sewer plant because of their levels of metals and because the plant is almost at their maximum capacity. He also reported that Whyco has their own re-circulating system that works great.

It was reported that S. Santa Maria met with the owner of Quality Rolling and will meet with R. Tingle to discuss alternative options for them.

A motion was made by M. Madow and seconded by R. Sileo to table the revised meeting schedule until later in the meeting. Motion unanimously passed.

Old Business:

M. Madow asked if S. MacDonald heard from the Town regarding buying her parking lot on Park St. P. Santa Maria reported that she offered it to the Town, the Town wasn't looking to buy it. She also said S. MacDonald has agreed to remove the unregistered vehicles on the lot by June 30, 2010.

J. Dunn discussed the meeting with C. Rosa and the plan to meet with business owners and landlords in the downtown area to discuss ways of improving parking, signage, and lighting.

J. Dunn discussed his site walk of Plume & Atwood with M. Barton, E. Mone, members from P&Z, and the owner, who wants to move Drawn Metal Tube to that location. R. Celone and T. Scully

discussed P&Z approving a motion to move forward, but not obligated to, with incentive housing at the current Drawn Metal Tube site.

Communications:

D. Reynolds's resignation was received.

Information was received from M. Barton regarding the possibility of P&Z adopting zoning regulations permitting gateway signs and information regarding a grant for banner signs for review.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have J. Dunn send a letter to P&Z supporting the banners and gateway signs.

Public Comment:

T. Scully discussed an article he read about a website Towns can join for \$500.00 to list available properties. He also discussed the need to create a smoother and quicker process for new projects, new businesses moving into Town, expansions, etc. between various depts. such as EDC, IWWC, P&Z, the sewer dept., etc.

P. Yoos discussed an article regarding Terryville True Value Hardware closing and how the many restrictions Terryville has on properties have an adverse affect on Terryville. He also discussed how the incentive housing studies for Thomaston were not accurate.

Continuation of New Business Agenda Item C - Revised Meeting Schedule

The Commission reviewed the revised meeting schedule and it was the consensus of the Commission to accept the Monday schedule, but meet at 7:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. P. Santa Maria will find out if the meeting dates be considered regular meetings or special meetings.

A motion was made by M. Madow and seconded by R. Sileo to approve the revised meeting schedule subject to there are no conflicts with other Commissions and meetings. Motion unanimously passed.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by P. Santa Maria and seconded by R. Sileo to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Santa Maria,
Secretary