

**Economic Development Commission**  
**September 14, 2010**

Chairwoman Logan called the Economic Development Commission Meeting to order. Mrs. Millikin called the roll: Mr. Hayek, Dr. Woodhull, Mr. Zwahl, Ms. Joice and Mrs. Logan were present. Mr. Prendergast, Dr. Clark, and Mrs. Becker called ahead to be excused. Chairwoman Logan stated that the Open Public Meetings Act had been complied with.

Chairwoman Logan moved to the minutes. There were none since the Commission did the walking tour of downtown in July.

Chairwoman Logan welcomed Ms. Joice to the Commission. Ms. Joice stated that she owns O'Reilly's Pub and is working with her finance to open up Trinity which is a Martini Bar that will be located in the old Barristers. Mrs. Millikin indicated that Ms. Joice also went to school for Urban Planning. The Commission welcomed Ms. Joice.

Mrs. Millikin advise Chairwoman Logan to move to the business folder under old business. Mrs. Millikin indicated she received the quotes from Minisink on the business folders and the prices are: 500 sets \$2,645.00 or for 1,000 sets \$3,075.00. The current issue is the budget for Economic is only \$1,000. Mrs. Millikin indicated that she will put in the budget request for which every amount the Commission would like to do, but it would most likely not be fully approved until 2011. Discussion ensued and Dr. Woodhull made a motion for Mrs. Millikin to purchase the 1,000 folders and was seconded by Mr. Zwahl. The Commission unanimously approved the purchase of the folders. Mrs. Millikin indicated that this will be dependent on the budget and she may look to take some money out of Community Development to help cover the cost. Chairwoman Logan will work on the layout so this can be completed.

Chairwoman Logan moved to New Business first the list of businesses to bring into Town. Chairwoman Logan indicated that we had received the demographic study that was completed for Main Street and in there it outlined some of the businesses that are needed within this area. She

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questioned what vacant store fronts are currently available. Mrs. Millikin indicated she would review the list from the walking tour and provide an update for the Commission for their review. Mrs. Millikin did indicate that under the APRA (Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act) there are three buildings on Spring Street that classify for this status. These buildings are: 124 Spring Street, 134 Spring Street, and 189-191 Spring Street. Mr. Zwahl did indicate that he liked the graphics that were placed on the Bula Building.

Chairwoman Logan asked what the status of the Acme store was. Mrs. Millikin indicated that there is a planning board application being made in September for a Dollar General. Mr. Zwahl questioned if there is a way to put the vacant store information up on our website. Chairwoman Logan indicated she would like to discuss this at the next meeting to see what can be done with the Economic Development Page on the website. Mrs. Millikin indicated she would put this on as a task item.

Chairwoman Logan questioned the status of Main Street. Mrs. Millikin indicated that Main Street is currently looking into a BID. Dr. Woodhull gave a an updated on talks the Chamber of Commerce was having with Main Street and potentially working together as a group. Discussion ensued on this matter.

Chairwoman Logan indicated that the market research or demographics Main Street had done is very beneficial. She suggested that everyone take the demographic study and come up with a list of businesses based on the study for discussion at the November Meeting. Mrs. Millikin made some more copies of the demographic information and would advise members that were not in attendance that she had extra copies.

Chairwoman Logan questioned how the Town could utilize the Town Green. Mrs. Millikin indicated that the Town Green is owned by the County of Sussex. Any event held in the Green requires approval from the

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County of Sussex. Mrs. Logan suggested a flower fest, or movies in the park as some ideas.

Dr. Woodhull wanted to remind everyone that Oktoberfest is being held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Newton VFW from 3 pm to 8 pm by the Chamber of Commerce.

There being no other information to discuss Dr. Woodhull made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Chairwoman Logan. The Economic Development Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin  
Deputy Town Manager