

TOWN OF SOUTHOLD
Economic Development Committee

Meeting June 17, 2016

Town Hall Conference Room

In Attendance: Donielle Cardinale, Sara Garretson, Steve Latham, John McLane, Denis Noncarrow, Rona Smith, John Stype

Excused: Tony Cocheo, Carolyn Fahey, Councilman William P. Ruland, Supervisor Scott

Russell

Meeting called to order at 3:30

Minutes

The Economic Development Committee accepted the May 20th minutes.

Communication received: Carolyn Fahey notified Supervisor Scott Russell and the Committee of her resignation.

Discussion:

- Mission restatement: The purpose of the EDC is to help businesses to form and thrive in order to create and maintain jobs.
- As was reiterated at Food Sector Luncheon, housing is needed at price levels that correlate with median incomes or skilled jobs will be difficult to fill.
- Looking into idea of LIRR carrying freight as a way to reduce costs and truck traffic for various food packaging needs not available locally.
- July 8th is the East End Transportation Meeting at Cornell Cooperative Extension. The freight possibly is to be discussed.
- The EDC wants to be involved in the discussion of future usage of Plum Island.
- Members of EDC are willing and able to act as a facilitators with new and growing businesses from inception and planning to expansion
- The EDC plans to speak with Supervisor Scott Russell in regards to business training and expansion, exploring tools available within the Town.
- Continuing concerns: employment, housing, specific industries remaining, startup
- Food sector luncheon: luncheon results will be reviewed and then be sent out to attendees.

- Discussed a possible food sector gathering in the fall
- Discussed a possible meeting with the Department of Health in the fall to clarify applicability and/or easing of food safety regulations in Southold Town.
- Members are committing to individual work on the following, to be reported at next meeting:
 - Sara – Regulatory, Financing, Initiating the process
 - Rona – Farm Worker Housing
 - John/Denis – Bureaucracy
 - Donielle – Commercial Properties, larger properties on the market
- Continue to work on developing names for inviting new members to the committee

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for July 15, 2016 at 3:30.