

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 17, 2016**  
**Municipal Center**  
**Room 302**  
**7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:** The following members were present: Val Dumais, Nancy Autunno, Helen Bergenty, Ken Hedman, Mark Chase (alternate) (sat for Joseph Klepacki)

**Absent:** Joseph Klepacki, Mark Romanow (alternate) Robert Berube (alternate) - all excused absences

**Staff:** Mark Devoe

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Val Dumais, Chairman.

**Motion to elevate Mark Chase to full member by:** Ken Hedman

**Second:** Helen Bergenty

***All in Favor 5 to 0***

***Motion Passes***

II. Oral Petitions

None

III. Minutes

**Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2016 as**

**written by:** Nancy Autunno

**Second:** Helen Bergenty

***All in Favor 5 to 0***

***Minutes Approved***

IV. New Business

- A. New Business Awards - Mark talked about when to present the awards for 2014 and 2015. The companies that will receive awards will be Motor Coach - an award from 2014, for the most significant business expansion.

They also would like to recognize DBK Family Jewelers for the 2015 Community Commitment award because they relocated to a much larger space and stayed in Plainville.

Mark will check with businesses to find out when it will be convenient for the businesses and let the agency members know so they can attend. All Agency members agreed that the plaques were nicely done.

V. Old Business

Mark talked about the tax abatement that the agency granted to Lisa Melninkaitis in 2012. She is opening a store called "Chestnuts" in her building at 59 A&B Whiting Street.

**Motion to ratify the 2012 decision to grant Lisa Melninkaitis a 2 year tax abatement for 20% of her taxes on the building at 59 A&B Whiting Street**

**by:** Ken Hedman

**Second:** Helen Bergenty

***All in Favor 5 to 0***

***Motion Passes***

VI. Staff Reports

Mark went over some information on what is happening in the Town of Plainville with the Agency.

1. 10 New Britain Avenue – this property at the corner of East Street and New Britain Avenue, formerly owned by General Electric, has been leased by U-Haul. They do plan to purchase the building by March 24<sup>th</sup> and have begun advertising for self-storage within the building itself. Plans include large-scale renovations for a climate controlled self-storage facility. A small retail operation selling moving supplies as well as a vehicle leasing center are also in the works. Eventually, U-Haul wants to utilize the unused parking lot to establish a storage area for recreational vehicles. That use, as well as other site improvements will require formal approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission – the various uses inside the building, are permitted by right.
2. Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Planning – the process has begun and data gathering is now being conducted.
3. Ducci Electric – have begun construction on a 25,000 square foot contractors facility.
4. Allstate Fire Equipment - will be starting construction on their new facility at 70 Robert Jackson Way.
5. Northeast Produce – continues to work on their 2,000 sq. ft. expansion.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Helen Bergenty

**Second:** Nancy Autunno

***All in Favor 5 to 0***

***Meeting Adjourned***

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*

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Recording Secretary