

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Regular Meeting  
March 16, 2017  
7:00 pm  
Room 302, Municipal Center**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** The following members were present: Mark Chase, Nancy Autunno, Helen Bergenty, Mark Romanow and Val Dumais

**STAFF:** Mark Devoe

**ABSENT:** Joseph Klepacki, Ken Hedman, Robert Berube-alternate. (all excused)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Val Dumais, Chairman.

**Motion to elevate the alternates by:** Helen Bergenty

**Second:** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor - 3 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**II. Oral Petitions**

None

**III. Minutes**

**A motion was made to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes as written by:**

Mark Romanow

**Second:** Helen Bergenty

**All in Favor - 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

#### IV. New Business

1. Proposed revisions to Plainville's Tax Abatement Policy.

The members discussed the changes and decided that the changes proposed were acceptable.

**A motion was made by:** Mark Chase to modify the proposed changes to the requirements for tax abatements to read "Notwithstanding the listing of priority business, all proposals shall be measured against the following standards as may be applicable," under Qualifying Businesses.

**Second:** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor - 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**A motion was made by:** Mark Romanow **to approve the proposed changes as recommended and modified to the Town of Plainville Tax Abatement Policy.**

**Second:** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor - 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

2. **Informal discussion with John Senese regarding 311-349 New Britain Avenue**

Mr. Senese talked about the possibility of a tax abatement for his property. He shared the possible tenants he is proposing, although none are confirmed at this point.

John is looking for a 10-year tax abatement to secure tenants so he can better market the property to proposed tenants. The current and revised policy does not offer the level of abatement Mr. Senese mentioned. Mr. DeVoe stated that the EDA will be looking for a concrete proposal and that any resulting agreement would have to provide estimates of projects costs, job creation, and project timelines.

Mark DeVoe explained to him that there is a process he must go through and he would send him the proper application forms. Mr. Senese must submit a site plan that staff can reasonably verify meets land use requirements.

#### V. Other Business

1. New Businesses in Town – Mark went over the list of new businesses in Plainville.
2. Commercial Vacancies – Mark continues to help fill vacancies.
3. UHAUL – they are currently going before P&Z for signage.
4. Dunkin Donuts – 114 East Main Street, construction work may begin this spring.
5. Mark handed out the list of vacant properties.

6. State of the Town – well attended
7. Awards – Economic Development awards were given to Walker Crane and Executive Press. Attendance was high.
8. Small Business Loan approval – CAPS L&P LLC. – staff in the process of preparing the loan documents.

## **VI. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by:** Mark Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm

**Second:** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor - 5 to 0**

**Motion adjourned at 8:42 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*  
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Recording Secretary