

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2017  
7:00 pm  
Room 302, Municipal Center**

**Minutes**

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

**STAFF:** Mark Devoe

**ABSENT:** Ken Hedman, Joseph Klepacki, 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, Mark Chase and Marc Romanow 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 July 20, 2017 minutes as written by:**  
Helen Bergenty

**Second:** Marc Romanow

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

#### IV. New Business

1. **EDA 08/17 #005 – Small Business Loan for J.D.A. Lawn Sprinklers, LLC. – 57 Hillside Avenue, Plainville, CT**

Joseph Ettorre is looking for a small business loan to expand his sprinkler business. He is looking to potentially double his current staff and add a second truck with equipment. He currently employs 4 people and has been a business in Plainville Since 1998.

Joseph and Debbie Ettorre are also applying for a matching grant through the State. Mark is assisting the applicant with preparing the paperwork for the request.

They are requesting a 5-year small business loan in the amount of \$40,000.00.

**A motion was made by:** Helen Bergenty **to grant a small business loan in the amount of \$40,000.00 for a term of 5 years at an interest rate of 2.93 %.**

**Second by:** Nancy Autunno

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

#### V. Other Business

A. Mark Devoe talked about updates in the Town of Plainville.

1. Andrea Wasley will be going before Planning and Zoning to amend her approved application. She decided that she will be constructing a stand-alone Funeral Home in lieu of a two-building design with a with reception facility.
2. Plainville Pharmacy – a new business opening on Sept. 1.
3. UHAUL – making headway on a large renovation project.
4. Dunkin Donuts – 114 East Main Street (old Sunflower Farms – project has been abandoned due to continued DOT requests causing cost over-runs.
5. EDA Tax Abatements – Letter of Memorandum and Understanding has been submitted for legal review for Six Mile Holdings.
6. “Granny Pods” – Mark talked about a new State Law coming October 1.

B. Ken Hedman

Ken Hedman will be resigning from the commission due to health reasons. We wish Ken all the best.

Mark Chase is interested in becoming a regular member. Mark to put request in with Town Council.

**VI. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by:** Helen Bergenty to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm

**Second:** Mark Chase

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion adjourned at 7:40 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*

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Recording Secretary