

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Regular Meeting
September 21, 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: 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: Nancy Autunno

Second: Val Dumais

All in Favor 2 to 0

Motion Passes

II. Oral Petitions

None

III. Minutes

A motion was made to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes as written:

Marc Romanow

Second: Mark Chase

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

IV. New Business

1. EDA 08/17 #006 – Tax Abatement Request for Royal Realty, LLC.
(Walker Crane and Rigging) - 50 Farmington Valley Drive,
Plainville, CT

Mr. Roy has proposed another expansion at his 50 Farmington Valley Drive facility. The extra space will be added to create additional storage for his current client base. The size of the proposed expansion is 22,500 square feet. Mr. Roy has exhibited a great deal of loyalty to the Town of Plainville, expanding in place seven times since the original structure was erected in 1998. The original facility was approved at 33,600 square feet. The facility size, after construction of the proposed addition, will be approximately 127,000 square feet.

Mr. Roy reports that their biggest customer TRUMPF, shows consistent growth of manufacturing laser, punch and press brake fabrication machines. TRUMPF needs Walker to store the used machines that they will refurbish and sell. Mr. Roy is out of room at his present location and is leasing space in another municipality so he needs to expand his building in Plainville to accommodate his customers' needs.

Mr. Roy reports that he has other customers that are expanding as well.

The cost of the improvements is estimated at \$1,800,000.00.

A motion was made by: Helen Bergenty **to grant Walker Crane, LLC., Royal Realty a 40 % tax abatement for a period of 4 years for their 22,500 sq ft new addition.**

Second by: Marc Romanow

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 was approved for a 5,000 sq. ft. Funeral Home. She decided to eliminate the previously proposed banquet hall and focus on the Funeral Home.
2. D'Amico will be putting up 2 buildings on Whiting Street.
3. D'Amico's Restaurant was sold.
4. Peck Spring – possible tenants, manufacturing

5. Asian Bistro closed.
6. Subdivision off Redstone Hill was approved.
7. Ferguson was approved for a 20,00 plus addition.
8. John Senese brought in plans for a retail facility on New Britain Avenue

B. Ken Hedman

Ken Hedman passed away.

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 7:33 pm

Second: Marc Romanow

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary