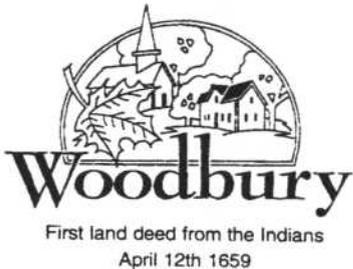


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“Ordinance to establish a Community and Economic Development Commission”

MINUTES

FROM HEARING FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE – Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Senior Center Community Room
7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman Butterly, Selectman Barbara Perkinson, Selectman Michael Gransky, Town Attorney Jessell, approximately fourteen residents, two reporters

First Selectman Butterly opened the hearing at 7:30 p.m. by reading the Legal Notice, reviewing the work done on the draft ordinance since the October 2, 2014 Public Hearing that took into consideration comments given at the October 2, 2014 Public Hearing, noting that Hiram Peck’s recommendation of the SDAT/Imagine Woodbury Project held back progress on the recommendations with anticipation of learning more, reiterating savings for placing adoption on the May 16th Town Meeting rather than holding a Special Town Meeting, and stating that following this hearing the Board of Selectmen would consider moving it to the May 16, 2016 Annual Budget Meeting for adoption.

Mr. Ray Manzi, 25 Hard Hill Road: Mr. Manzi spoke in favor, noted that he served on the ad hoc committee under First Selectman Hinckley’s and First Selectman Stomski’s administrations, pointed out that ideas in the recent SDAT Report were things discussed years ago, but now a permanent commission would give individuals more power and ability to see good ideas happen.

Ms. Kathy Doyle, 35 Washington Road: Ms. Doyle thanked the Board of Selectmen for bringing this ordinance forward, suggested changing membership to five regular and three alternates, suggested a timeframe for updates be inserted, thought that lines 89, 90 and 91, and 94 were redundant.

Mr. Alex DeSorbo, 22 Forest Ridge Road: Mr. Desorbo, former member of the committee, offered explanation to Ms. Doyle’s comments: regarding lines 89, 90, 91 “identify and prioritize” and starting with line 94, “responsibly enlist”; response to her “suggested alternates” comment, the committee did not want members sitting and watching the activities.

Mrs. Michelle Ecsedy, 18 Old Middle Road Turnpike: Mrs. Ecsedy noted an error in October 2014 regarding Chapter IV—should read Chapter VI (line 11); line 89, she thought it was redundant and should be #6, asked that line 124, “Council of Governments of the Naugatuck Valley” be corrected as shown on their website.

Mr. Stan Love, 74 Main Street North: Mr. Love asked if there would be a line item for the commission in the budget. First Selectman Butterly answered yes, to pay for a clerk.

Mr. Joe Donato, 88 Great Hollow Road: Mr. Donato spoke in favor and thanked the Selectmen for moving it forward. First Selectman Butterly thanked the Business and Economic Development Committee for their work.

Mr. Wes Wensek, 39 Curtis Meadow: Mr. Wensek spoke in favor and questioned the meaning in line 24 of "after-acquired resources", whether it would be a permanent commission, how to get rid of it, if members have to be qualified, how members are appointed, suggested a representative of the community at large. Mr. Desorbo responded: it was not intended to be a business development organization and the committee should be developing strategies for the future of the town.

First Selectman Butterly thanked those present for attending and closed the hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Jan A. Krampitz

Submitted by: Jan A. Krampitz, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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