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Section 4. Powers and Duties

A. The Community and Economic Development Commission of the Town of Woodbury shall have all the powers and duties of municipal economic development commissions as set forth in Section 7- 136 of the Connecticut General Statutes in effect upon the date of passage of this Ordinance which consists of the following:

Conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in town and shall make recommendations to the Board of Selectman and other Boards and Commissions regarding action to improve the Town's economic condition and development;

May seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with non Town organizations to promote economic development;

May advertise and may prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgment will further its official purpose.

B. The Community and Economic Development Commission shall prepare, maintain and actively promote a written economic development plan and strategy containing the following elements:

(1) A general description of the types of and sizes of business, industry or tourism activities or services which are desirable, and which should be encouraged to establish or expand in Woodbury:

(2) Sustainable and resilient methods and approaches by which desirable pursuits should be identified, resourced, and/or recruited by the Town;

(3) Recommendations to streamline and improve governmental procedures so as to expedite the establishment or expansion of business, tourism, sound and sustainable housing options and/or community activities;

(4) A description of what the Town should do to establish a more favorable community climate, which may include, but are not limited to: a marketing program; proposed rezoning of land; amendments to local land use regulations and the Plan of Development; property tax incentives; and proposed infrastructure improvements so as to attract and retain targeted businesses, development, community services or tourism in and for the Town of Woodbury; and

(5) An economic impact analysis based on applicable historical and/or projected data as well as maps and narratives supporting the location and strategies accompanying the recommendations of the commission.

The CEDC may use various methods, such as round-table discussions, focus group forums, seminars, studies, surveys, polls and the like, in order to identify and prioritize

91 community needs.

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93 C. In order to responsibly enlist and measure the sentiment of the community into its
94 activities, the Commission may use various methods, such as round table discussions, focus
95 groups, "forums", seminars, charrettes, studies, surveys, polls and the like, to identify and
96 prioritize community needs and concerns.

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98 D. In order to implement recommendations of a written economic development plan and
99 strategy, the Community and Economic Development Commission is empowered to work with
100 the Board of Selectman and other Town Boards and Commissions to provide consulting,
101 technical and strategic input concerning applications for rezoning of land, variances, and/or
102 applications for amendments to local land use plans and regulations, including but not
103 necessarily limited to zoning, wetlands and historic regulations, that are designed to enhance
104 tourism and promote desirable and sustainable development in the Town of Woodbury.

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106 E. The Community and Economic Development Commission, in concert with other commissions
107 or authorities of the Town of Woodbury, may recommend infrastructure projects designed to
108 promote business, industry, tourism and/or the overall quality of life and the value of public and
109 private property, including acquisition of buildings and properties, construction of water supply
110 systems, public sewers, storm water drainage systems, and/or street and highway
111 improvements. In pursuing these projects, the Community & Economic Development
112 Commission may on behalf of the Town of Woodbury identify, investigate and make
113 recommendations regarding State or Federal grants, loans, private investments or technical
114 assistance for infrastructure development.

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116 F. The Community and Economic Development Commission, in order to carry out the purposes
117 of this ordinance, may make recommendation to employ such actions to develop and/or
118 facilitate local economic incentives including property tax abatement programs and the
119 establishment of tax increment financing districts and business improvement districts as
120 provided for under Public Act 90-270 and other sections of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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122 G. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Community and Economic Development Commission
123 may represent Woodbury and act as liaison, with other municipalities, local chambers of
124 commerce, Council of Governments of the Naugatuck Valley (NVCOG), and the Connecticut
125 Department of Economic and Community Development, and any applicable public or private
126 group in developing and supporting regional marketing programs or strategies to retain, attract
127 or provide for the diversification of tourism, community services and business in the Town of
128 Woodbury.

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130 H. The Community and Economic Development Commission shall have the authority to request
131 and expend such appropriation of funds appropriated and budgeted for this Commission, and
132 contract for services and materials, as may be required to carry out the purposes of this
133 ordinance consistent with the laws of the State of Connecticut, Woodbury Town Charter,
134 Ordinances and Town Procurement and Fiscal Policies.

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I. In developing strategies for economic development in Woodbury, the CEDC may utilize resources available from agencies such as, but not limited to, Council of Governments of the Naugatuck Valley (NVCOG), the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, and Connecticut Business and Industry Association, and Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC).

J. The Community and Economic Development Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to the Town Meeting, at its annual November meeting, a report of activities and its recommendations for improving economic conditions and development as described in Section 4. B. (above).

Section 5. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by a court having competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not effect any other provisions of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Adopted by the Town of Woodbury on this ___ day of _____, 2016:

BOS VOTED (3/24/16) TO PASS TO PUBLIC HEARING
DRAFT FOR 4/5/16 PUBLIC HEARING

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This 28 day of March 2016
at 9:50 o'clock A M
Shirley A. Cook
Town Clerk