

Meeting- Community and Economic Development commission

June 14th, 7 P.M. Chaplin Town Hall

Attendees: Only three people were in attendance, Ann Chuk, Irene Schein, and Leslie Ricklin.

The minutes of the May 10th meeting were submitted by rotating secretary, Peggy M. but not yet approved due to lack of quorum.

7:09 meeting called to order.. discussion of agenda items

Hops: Ct Dept of Agriculture report reviewed which states that hops growing research project is ongoing in Hamden and Windsor. There are conditions here in CT that seem to be good for growing “hops”. Dept of Ag. Is recommending expanding the growing of hops in CT. Irene is planning on attending an event in Northford, CT. on June 17th. to learn more about the industry and to meet and network with others involved in hop growing and brewing. The Connecticut Hop Growers Association is conducting seminars and demonstrations at the DeFrancesco Farm.

To further the Commission's understanding of the potential for a hop and/or brewing enterprise in our Town we would like to meet with the owner of Willbrew in Willimantic. Leslie will draft letter to David Wollner, to see if he would meet with us. we will review this letter at our next meeting.

A letter to restaurant businesses in Chaplin was written, Matt, First selectman approved the letter, which will be sent out shortly on Town Letterhead. The Commission e-mail address will be coming shortly from First Selectmen.

Fall event, fair... discussed. A joint meeting with Recreation Commission will be set up to see if there is interest in a fair in Late Sept or early Oct, possibly Oct 7th.

Peggy and Irene met with Miria Toth, Norwich Economic Dev. Dept. She also organizes the Bozrah Farmers Market which has been quite a success. They have 6 volunteers who run the market, and about 38 vendors each week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted

Ann Chuk, rotating secretary