TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION February 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. In attendance were J. Wesa, T. Hanson, M. Papenfoth and N. Soto.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 18, 2015 -- A MOTION was made (Wesa, Papenfoth) to accept the minutes as corrected; ALL IN FAVOR.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

GUESTS: Mr. Wesa had asked Vinnie Cofone to attend the meeting but got no response.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Available for Commissioners' perusal:

- -- a letter from the Department of Agriculture for receipt of grant;
- -- Connecticut Preservation Society magazine;
- -- letter from Whitten College asking for a survey on farmers' market;
- -- article for library newsletter for tourism representative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Website/Facebook – Nothing changed. Facebook updated.

Farmers Market – Mrs. Papenfoth offered to help with updating applications.

Business Development/P&Z — Tamarack Lodge and Town Grille and Pizzeria are doing well. Claudia's Restaurant is closed.

Mr. Soto has been appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission and will act as a liaison. P&Z is looking at elderly housing renovations and the Plan of Conservation and Development

Eastern Tourism - There is still no representative.

Business Directory – Nothing new

Trails Brochure — Ms. Hanson had someone contact her to say that one of the trails goes through private property; it will be investigated. A revised brochure to be done in the spring will not have those trails included.

Historical Update – Ms. Hanson has been talking with the Connecticut Trust for the meeting house proposal. Julie Zelinsky is working on a grant for Wylie School repairs.

BUDGET — The proposed 2018/2019 budget was distributed and reviewed. The farmers' market budget was included. A MOTION was made (Soto, Papenfoth) to submit a proposed budget in the amount of \$12,164; ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS — Mrs. Papenfoth had information for farmers' market bags. 200 for \$264; 300 for \$371; 400 for \$478; 500 for \$515. Bags will be given away. New banners will be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS - None

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING — Updates on tote bags and banners

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 on a motion (Papenfoth, Hanson); ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted, Diana M. Ingraham, Clerk

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