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Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2026

Members Present: Gayle Demko, Maria Silvestri, Bob Kelly, John McGuire, Roger Murray, Jeff Girard

Also Present: Chad Kuzontkoski – Economic Development Specialist, Ellie Binns – Administrative Assistant

1. Chairman Demko called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.
2. Public Input - None
3. Commission Projects Update

Ms. Silvestri reported that she has done a grant application for a Zak Grant for improvements for the South Green making it more accessible and grading the property, installing paths and some parking. There are also some town funds that could be used as well. Mr. Kuzontkoski and Ms. Demko will compile additional information for a presentation on the project for the Board of Selectman (BOS).

Soil testing to delineate the wetlands for the Town owned land at 1100 and 1140 South Street will be done in the next couple of weeks to help potential buyers know where the buildable portions of the properties are.

Mr. Girard updated the EDC members about the discussions at the Planning and Zoning Commission pertaining to the possibility of updating the regulations for contractors' yards and allowing temporary signs for retail businesses.

The electronic touch screen kiosk with Town information to be put in front of the Kent Library will be installed in the coming weeks.

Ms. Demko and Mr. Kuzontkoski will walk the property for the dog park at the eastern part of Stony Brook Park to determine where would be the best place to locate the fencing. The well company has confirmed that a driven point can be installed for a water source.

Mr. Kuzontkoski also reported on the Sunrise Park Entrance project. The plans have been submitted to the Police Chief for his input and the police will present the request to the State Department of Transportation because the entrance is on a state highway. The new entrance will be a safety improvement.

The annual North Central Chamber of Commerce Home and Product Show will be held this year on April 18th and 19th at the Suffield High School on Sheldon St. There was discussion about what the EDC could do to support local businesses and showcase the Town during the weekend. Mr. Kuzontkoski will have the Town map ready for the weekend to distribute.

There was discussion about the bike trail out in West Suffield and the possibility of writing an article for the Suffield Observer to bring attention to this local attraction and having signage to get to it.

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Mr. Girard moved acceptance of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. and approved unanimously.

5. EDC Projects Report – Chad Kuzontkoski

Mr. Kuzontkoski distributed his written report which summarized the activities in the Light Industrial, Commercial and Town Center Village District zones for the month, noting that the flooring replacement at 66-68 Bridge St. Suffield Village project is in large part financed by the EDC TIF grant. He also updated the Commission on the "Taste of Suffield" promotion which is going on until April 1st and has had a great response. Participants can still send their receipts in from two restaurants to be entered into a drawing to win a gift card to a local restaurant of their choice. Mr. Kuzontkoski also reminded the Commission that the Bradley Development Spring Gathering is scheduled for March 26th at Tavern 1927 at the Suffield Country Club from 5-7 pm. Please let him know if you are planning to attend.

6. Adjournment

With nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Binns Recording Secretary