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Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2026

Members Present: Gayle Demko, John McGuire, Roger Murray, Jeff Girard, John Henrie

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

Chairman Demko reported on her meeting with First Selectman Colin Moll to discuss the projects that the Economic Development Commission is working on. He expressed as a number one priority helping the Town's restaurants generate more business. One proposal was for the EDC to help to promote specials that they are running and do advertising flyers. Mr. McGuire and Mr. Kuzontkoski will meet with restaurant owners to find out what their needs are and how best to address them. It was agreed that the community needs to have more information about what is available locally.

Mr. Girard distributed information on his proposal to build a Suffield Events Calendar, facebook page and newsletter. He is offering to build and fund this project for the first year, since he and his staff have expertise in this area. Mr. Girard will continue to develop this and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Kuzontkoski has been in contact with the town attorney about the dog park and will get an opinion from him about the use of Stoney Brook Park. He showed a spread sheet with the expected expenses and will be getting more quotes for fencing and equipment. Mr. Murray was able to get a quote from a well installer but the final price will be based on the conditions found when they do the drilling.

Mr. Kuzontkoski will be getting quotes to print the Suffield map brochure. The consensus was to do a Smaller printing to get the brochures out quickly and fine tune it before a larger printing is run.

The passport promotion for small businesses was discussed and in the next round communicating with the businesses about the deadline and turning in the entries will be made clearer. Mr. Kuzontkoski is awaiting a response from the DOT about signage for the bike path out in West Suffield.

Mr. Girard reported on the text amendment that is before the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to allow higher density for apartments on Ffyer Place. He explained that the hearing has been continued to the June meeting for the applicant to possibly modify the proposal to allow for mixed use, based on feedback from businesses already on the property. He also discussed the modifications to the temporary sign regulation that will be up before the PZC. The modifications are to help the retail businesses with advertising their location and offerings.

Ms. Demko also spoke with Colin Moll about having a better way to display signs on the green and out at Babbs Road. She is getting proposals to have a picket fence installed that signs can be displayed on at the green and out in West Suffield.

4. 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. He announced that a new round of

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) grants is open for businesses in the TIF district to apply for. The library staff has received training for the kiosk that will be installed outside the library this summer. The third annual Suffield Art Trail was held on May 16th and was well attended. He also reported that Suffield participated in the annual Bradley Development League Day at the Capitol on April 29th in Hartford.

5. Minutes – April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

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

6. Adjournment

With nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Binns Recording Secretary