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Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2026

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

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 distributed a promotional piece about the benefits of dog parks. There was discussion about the hours of operation and the maintenance. It was felt that it was important to be able to address concerns and questions that might come up at a Board of Selectmen meeting when approval is proposed. Mr. Kuzontkoski is checking with the Department of Environmental Protection about any endangered species that might be in Stony Brooke Park that would need to be accommodated in any plan. He will also check on plowing the parking lot for winter access and on the insurance coverage. The fencing will allow for separate areas for large and small dogs. The signage at a West Hartford dog park looked like a good example to follow and Mr. Kuzontkoski will get a price estimate and check with the DPW if they can do the sign.

Mr. McGuire and Mr. Kuzontkoski will be following up to meet with restaurants to find out what assistance they would like from the EDC. They will follow up on having a business spot light on the Town website as well as the Observer. Ms. Silvestri would be willing to help with promotional information for the Observer. There was also discussion of helping with social media exposure. The kiosk installation event will be scheduled with a ribbon cutting by Mr. Kuzontkoski as soon as possible. He will also be distributing the first run of Suffield maps to local businesses with literature holders and will collect feedback and make updates as necessary as well as coordinating the formatting and printing of flat maps based on the brochure.

Mr. Girard is working on the on-line links to promote the Town. He will keep Commissioners updated with his progress over the summer.

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 attended the CT Main Street Center annual conference representing Suffield. He mentioned that there were some funds that were still in the budget for the fiscal year and the Commission decided to purchase some picnic tables for Sunrise Park which are well used by visitors to the park.

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

5. Adjournment

With nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Binns
Recording Secretary