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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**WARNING**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED**

The legal voters of the Town of Barkhamsted and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings within said Town are hereby notified that on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Barkhamsted will be held in the Barkhamsted Elementary School on Ripley Hill Road in Pleasant Valley for the purpose of transacting business as follows:

1. Consider and act on the transfer of \$10,000 into the budget line item, entitled Economic Development

Dated at Barkhamsted, Connecticut this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

Donald S. Stein

First Selectman

Gregory M. Cantwell

Selectman

William G. Downes IV

Selectman

Special Town Meeting

October 28, 2008

Donald Stein, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Matt Kelly nominated Phil Walker moderator and Greg Hoffman seconded the nomination John Lavieri moved to close the nominations and Matt Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried to close the nominations and Phil Walker was elected moderator.

Maria Mullady, Town Clerk, read the warning for the meeting.

1. Motion by Greg Hoffman, seconded by John Lavieri to consider and act on the transfer of \$10,000 into the budget line item entitled Economic Development .Don Stein gave a presentation on the work of the informal Economic Development committee. See Attached. There were many concerns and questions, especially in light of the economy, and how development might especially affect the village of Riverton. After lengthy discussion, Kathleen Cook made a motion to move the question and Sharon Neumann-Lynes seconded the motion. The motion passed to move the question. The original motion was then voted on and passed to transfer \$10,000 into the budget line item, entitled Economic Development.

Motion by Bill Downes, seconded by Roy LeClaire and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Attest:

Maria V. Mullady, CMC

Town Clerk

# Economic Development Activities

## October 28, 2008

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Ø Economic Development committee formed on May 15.

### Town Residents

Don Stein (chairman)

Roger Behrens

Debbie Ciriello

Leslie Cosgrove

Leslie DiMartino

Bill Downes

Barbara Douglass

Christina Lavieri

John Lavieri

### Non-residents

Mike Casale

Jack Casey

Ron Eigenbrod

Rob Lombard

John Morici

Bill Pratt

Pauline Telford

Mark Waterhouse

Ø Charter was to

- Brainstorm and define Economic Development strategies, to include:

- § Riverton

- § Route 44

- § Other  
conomic Development Commission

- Define sources of support and/or grantsØ Approximately 6 meetings took place to brainstorm, discuss ideas regarding tourism and seniors housing development and to review the needs of the community and the local businesses.

Ø The committee also reviewed the Town Plan of Conservation and Development and the Economic Development Study, both of which were completed in 2007.

Ø The Town has joined the Connecticut Main Street Center, which provides resources to help focus energy on the “downtown” sections like Pleasant Valley and, particularly, Riverton.

Ø A key outcome was that the Committee recommended that the Town hire a consultant to

- Identify and create an initial marketing plan for a series of events for Riverton, which will attract people to the area and which will showcase the attractiveness of the area. Future activities in this task (under separate funding) will be event management, including promotion of selected events, and developing a strong relationship with the existing merchants and event participants.
- Create a strategy for economic development for the Town, with primary emphasis on the Route 44 corridor and the historic villages.

Ø Recommended funding for this activity was \$20,000.

- Board of Finance initially approved \$10,000 and asked whether the additional funding could be replaced by existing town employees.
- This was shown to be not feasible, and the B.O.F. agreed at a subsequent meeting of \$20,000.

Ø The Town has been approved for a \$20,000 grant from the State for completion of the Plan of Conservation and Development, but does not expect receipt of the funds until early 2009.

Ø A permanent Economic Development Commission and Director will likely be required in the near future to execute the ideas which are being generated.