



# Town of Burlington

**TOWN OF BURLINGTON, CT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 AT 7:00PM  
BURLINGTON TOWN HALL – SENIOR CENTER**

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were commission members Michael Androw, Kevin Bair, Todd Coleman, Arthur Funk, Tod Kallenbach, John Kirschner and David Wrabel. Guests were First Selectman Ted Shafer and Felicia Jones representing Northwest ConneCT.
- II. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- III. Review/Approve minutes of September 11, 2017 meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. Guest: Felicia Jones, Project Coordinator, Northwest ConneCT (<http://northwest-connect.org/>): Felicia Jones represents Northwest ConneCT, a non-profit corporation formed in the fall of 2015 by state and local elected officials and private citizens in the northwest corner of Connecticut. The organization's mission is to orchestrate a twenty-first century communications network for the 25 towns in the region, including Burlington. It has three established goals: a fiber optic network connecting everyone in the region; a significant enhancement to the mobile network using the new fiber optic infrastructure; and economic development enabled by the new network. Completion of the fiber optic network is anticipated by late 2021. Currently operating with a \$250,000 grant from the State of Connecticut, Northwest ConneCT is in the process of visiting all 25 regional communities to both gather and provide information on internet and mobile network connectivity in each town and answer questions before issuing RFIs and RFPs to prospective fiber optic network providers.
- V. Report on dissolution of Marketing Committee/formation of Tavern Day Committee: Kallenbach reported that the ad hoc Marketing Committee completed its two-year term of formation in September. One of its major outcomes was assuming management of the Town's annual Tavern Day event in 2017. A volunteer Tavern Day committee has since been established and will resume monthly meetings in November.
- VI. EDC meeting schedule/appointments for 2018: Kallenbach proposed that EDC keep to its second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center meeting schedule for 2018, which was agreed to by committee members and approved by the Town Clerk.
- VII. Updates on business/property developments: Shafer reported that the planned residential housing development on Covey Road located within the Central Business District was not approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission as currently proposed by Brycorp Builders. There were no additional updates.
- VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tod Kallenbach – Chairman, Burlington EDC