

## FROM THE OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> MEETING

## Canaan Economic Development Just imagine -Then do it!

#### What is an Incubator Space

Business incubation is a business support process for multiple businesses that accelerates the successful development of start-up companies by providing entrepreneurs with array of shared resources and services at lower cost in a common space.

There are several types of incubators such as: 1) Technology incubator, 2) Service incubator, 3) Mixed—use incubator, 4) Manufacturing incubator, 5) Incubator for web-related business, and 6) Community revitalization incubator.

#### Services

- Shared Office / Work Spaces
- Conference room
- Photocopying
- Receptionist coverage
- Word processing/typist
- Security
- Computer equipment
- Fax machine
- Office equipment
- Business resource library
- Audio/visual equipment
- Extra storage
- Bookkeeping
- Group health insurance
- Secretarial services
- Postage machine use
- Binding machine use

#### Other

- Computer software
- Secured mailboxes
- Manufacturing equipment
- Below-market office space
- Flexible leases
- Dedicated phone services
- Common lounge areas
- Business waiting areas
- Membership in professional orgs.
- Chamber of Commerce benefits
- Relocation services
- Custodial/Maintenance services
- Workers Compensation
- Installation and use of licensed
  Microsoft professional software
- \$250/month shared offices

#### Other Management Services

- Business plans
- Marketing
- Accounting
- Government grants and loans
- Legal services
- Patent assistance
- Computer training
- International trade
- Government procurement
- Equity and debt financing
- Access to sophisticated computer processing - Estimating Software?
- Access to other resources outside the incubator
- Research and development

- Business taxes
- Notary services
- Desktop publishing and design
- Website design and training
- Technology support services
- Mentoring
- Access to interns
- Bid preparation
- Email
- Advertising
- Joint bidding

#### Incubator Space – What trades?

- Welding
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Carpentry
- Drywall
- Windows/Doors
- SidingRoofing
- Painting
- Auto mechanics
- Small Engine Repair
- Auto Restoration )
- Renovation/Remodeling
- Gizmo makerConsultants
- Mentors

- Advisors
- Investors
- Septic
- Wells
- Machinists/Tool & Die
- Electronic specialists
- Masons
- CAD/3d printing
- CDL & heavy equipment operators
- Motor/Engine building
- Metal fabricator/Dyno
- Joint training

# What services to trades would be useful?

- Artists/graphic designers
- Bookkeepers/Billing
- Printing
- Advertising Work Spaces Photocopying
- Receptionist Computer equipment Office equipment Extra storage
- Bookkeeping
- Group health
- Postage machine
- Phone services
- Licensed Microsoft professional software

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## What about training?

- Writing
- Reading
- Technical Educator
- Grant writing
- Personal Economics
- Business Planning
- Communication skills

## What about training?

- Permit/Legal help
- Business Law classes
- OSHA/safety training
- Regulations Manuals available
- Apprenticeship programs
- Curriculum development
- Work ethic/responsibility training
- Self-help training

#### What resources do we need?

- Determine if there is a need for what we are offering
- Interested trades people willing to cooperate
- Location
- Money
- Legal/Technical services
- Cell phone/Wifi coverage
- Advertising
- Training
- In-house personnel/equipment

### What steps are necessary

- Research prior incubator spaces
- Research actual local needs
- Create organizational structure
- Choose a location
- Raise start up money
  - Personnel
  - Property
  - InsurancePhones
  - Lawyer
  - Utilities
  - Machines
  - Technical Support
  - Hire accountant

- Decide on services offered
- Advertise
- Recruit

#### What the Town can help with.

CDBG/CDFA/TIF/Federal Tax

Credits/BFA/USDA/GCEDC/Northern Borders etc.

Water & Sewer Capacity – 35,000 gallons a day capacity avail.

Internet – web hosting

Advertising / Promotion

**Broadband** 

Cell phone

**Peer Counseling** 

**Economic data** 

Planning Board survey

Focus groups

Information clearing house

**Possible Events** 



## **Property Tax Relief**

- Rehab & Replacement RSA 79-E:4 (Law authorizing this program)
  - Tax Relief forgiving 50% of the increase in taxes
    - Lasting 5 to 9 years depending on use
  - To encourage:
    - Economic Vitality
    - Cultural or Historic resources
    - Preservation or reuse of buildings
    - Municipal centers/housing
  - Needs protective covenant
  - Adopted plan authorized by voters
  - New value must be no lower than pre development value

#### Property Tax Relief

#### What is the benefit?

- Tax Relief forgiving 50% of the increase in taxes
  - Lasting 5 to 9 years depending on use. Tax increment is the calculated by subtracting the original assessed value from new assessed value times annual tax rate – up to 50% is exempted.
     Balance of new tax goes to the general fund or is relieved.
- Participants or the Town may borrow to make improvements. All new tax revenue from the improvements will be used to pay bonds.
   Deferred 5 years.

#### What is covered?

- New developments must be in a defined geography area like a district
- Covers acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration, extension, operation, maintenance or promotion of developments

#### Rules

- Encourages Economic Vitality
- Needs Plan authorized by voters