

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, January 24, 2008.

Members Present: First Selectman McCarty, Ralph Durante, LuAnn Buono, Thomas Dunham, William Gambardella, Frank Maher, Walter Mann, Radha Prasad

Members Absent: Walter Nester

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Durante asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Dunham moved the nomination of Mr. Durante as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE:	Durante - Yes	McCarty - Yes	Buono - Yes
	Dunham - Yes	Gambardella - Yes	Maher - Yes
	Mann - Yes	Prasad - Yes	

Mr. Durante then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Mr. Gambardella moved the nomination of Mr. Maher as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Durante.

VOTE:	Durante - Yes	McCarty - Yes	Buono - Yes
	Dunham - Yes	Gambardella - Yes	Maher - Yes
	Mann - Yes	Prasad - Yes	

Mr. Durante then called for nominations for the position of Secretary; Mr. Durante moved the nomination of Mr. Prasad as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.

VOTE:	Durante - Yes	McCarty - Yes	Buono - Yes
	Dunham - Yes	Gambardella - Yes	Maher - Yes
	Mann - Yes	Prasad - Yes	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

Mr. Durante began the discussion stating that the breakfast is usually scheduled the third Thursday of March. He suggested that since it would fall the week of Good Friday/Easter, we schedule it for the following week, Thursday, March 27th. The Commission members agreed.

Mr. Durante also suggested that U.S. Surgical host the event this year. Mr. Maher will chair the breakfast and he will call U.S. Surgical to see if they would be able to sponsor the breakfast. Mr. Maher asked if the date is flexible in case U.S. Surgical cannot commit to the 27th. Mr. Durante said that it would not be a problem. Mr. Maher also suggested that if U.S. Surgical could not host the event our next choice would be Anthem. All members agreed. Mr. Maher will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Mr. Durante suggested that the following companies be contacted to speak at the breakfast:

United Illuminating

Eclipse

St. Raphael's

Rabina Properties

Anthem /Quinnipiac University

Marlin Firearms/Remington

OTHER

Mr. Durante asked for volunteers to research 5 developments similar to what Rabina is proposing in North Haven. The following are the sites that need to be explored:

Arizona – L. Buono

Ohio – W. Nester

Atlanta, GA – W. Mann

Charlotte, NC – W. Nester

Arlington, VA – F. Maher

Mr. Dunham said that he would research the Reston Town Center in Virginia.

Mr. Durante also discussed the marketing of 300 Montowese Avenue (the former S&S Distribution Center). He is actively seeking a buyer and/or tenants for this site.

Mr. Gambardella volunteered to speak with Quinnipiac University about providing the Town with soccer fields, lights and parking lots.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for February 28th at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Durante moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.