

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, February 25, 2009 at North Haven Town Hall.

Members Present: Ralph Durante, Walter Mann, Frank Maher, Thomas Dunham, LuAnn Buono, Deborah Moore, Frank Maher, William Gambardella

Members Absent: Radha Prasad, Walter Nester

Also Present: First Selectman Janet McCarty

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda – February 23, 2009
2. Minutes of Meeting held on January 21, 2009

SET DATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST – APRIL

The commission members discussed the agenda for the economic breakfast. The commission members agreed to set the date for April 29th. Mr. Frank Maher will be the Chairman of the breakfast. Mr. Durante asked commission members to think about a location.

NORTH HAVEN COMMONS

Construction has commenced at full speed with Toys R Us being the top priority.

RABINA

Mr. Durante spoke to Mr. Rabina and at this time he is not pursuing the development of this property.

POST OFFICE

Mr. Durante explained that we need to move the post office to a better location. The building is leased. We need to find a smaller building in North Haven with better accessibility.

VARIOUS NEW BUSINESS OPENINGS (LONG HORN, LIBBYS, RITE AID)

Building permits have been issued for Rite Aid and the rear building (Chinese Restaurant) is under construction. P& Z approval has been granted to Long Horn, awaiting State Traffic Commission approval. Libby's tenant fit-out is under construction. Taco Bell/KFC has received all land use approvals and the demolition permit is pending.

VALLEY SERVICE ROAD

Mr. Mann met with Mr. Steinberg in December. First Selectman McCarty said the Town is ready to move forward with the Valley Service Road Extension and that a Special Town Meeting has been scheduled for March 16th. Mr. Mann said that he received correspondence from Mr. Steinberg and he will make copies for commission members.

RALPH'S OPPORTUNITES (BROADWAY, EXECUTIVE LANDSCAPING, ETC.)

The office building owned by Criscuolo/Calcagni on Broadway is looking for a tenant. Mr. Durante said an attorney is interested in the property and would like to buy it. Mr. Durante will continue to work on this.

Mr. Durante said that Executive Landscaping is a big commercial company that would like to relocate to North Haven. Mr. Durante is looking for a site.

RGP

Mr. Durante attended a RGP meeting with First Selectman McCarty. Mr. Durante feels that the Town is not getting their money's worth. The Town currently pays \$900 a year in dues to this organization.

MCDERMOTT ROAD

There is a TIF on this property and Mr. Durante is meeting with Attorney Parese and First Selectman McCarty to discuss. Mr. Durante feels the Town should move forward on this TIF.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Durante said that he has not worked on the corporation because of the economy.

STEERING COMMITTEES

Postpone until March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Durante moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 AM, seconded by Ms. Buono.