

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Thomas Dunham, William Gambardella, Walter Mann, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Deborah Moore

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 25, 2010, Mr. Freda moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Maher.

VOTE: All in favor.

MR. GRIMMER – TOWN OF ORANGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Maher introduced Mr. Paul Grimmer to the Commission. Mr. Grimmer is the Executive Director of the Orange Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Grimmer gave a detailed overview of the corporation. Further discussion followed with Commission members asking Mr. Grimmer several questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST UPDATE – R. LOPRESTI

Mr. LoPresti reported that the breakfast is on track and will take place on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. The UI will cover the cost of the breakfast. Letters will be sent out next week to local businesses.

COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATE

No new updates.

M. FREDA OVERVIEW

Mr. Freda announced that LuAnn Buono has resigned from the Commission and thanked her for her service. We now have two (2) vacancies on the Commission. Mr. Freda said he is in the process of reviewing resumes and will fill the vacancies shortly.

Mr. Freda said that he is still working on the former P&W site. Mr. Brunner is still very interested in the property and is trying to obtain financing.

Mr. Freda said he is in the beginning stages of negotiating a tenant for the former Quebecor facility. It is a manufacturing business which produces food containers.

Mr. Freda met with Marlin and the State to discuss their reasons for leaving Connecticut. Marlin said that energy costs and the lack of incentives from the State have forced them to move out of state. Mr. Freda asked Marlin if they could keep a portion of their business here. Although Mr. Freda feels that this is very unlikely, we are waiting to see if the state can provide incentives.

Mr. Freda has also set up a meeting with Work Force Alliance and Marlin employees to educate them on what their next steps should be, preparing resumes, etc. 265 workers are being displaced of which 17% are North Haven residents.

Mr. Steinberg called Mr. Freda about a possible development by Toll Brothers on the former mall property. Mr. Freda said he would only consider it if it were a 55+ development.

Mr. Freda has a plant tour scheduled with Covidien on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for May 27, 2010, at 8:15 a.m.

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Freda moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM, seconded by Mr. Mann.