

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

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

Members Absent: Todd DePino, Frank Maher

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 24, 2010, Ms. Moore moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. LoPresti.

VOTE: All in favor.

Mr. Freda made a motion to add Public Comment to the agenda.

Seconded by, Mr. Mann.

VOTE: All in favor.

COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Mann distributed to commission members copies of a proposal and a flyer for Show & Sell. Mr. Mann then went over in detail his proposal. He said that in past years, the program has been very successful and well attended.

Mr. LoPresti and commission members agreed that the key to the success of the program is advertising. We need to advertise in the local newspapers, the New Haven Register, Stop & Shop, Big Y, and NHTV. Also a banner should be hung across Washington Avenue/Broadway.

Mr. Mann will chair the committee for this program and will contact commission members to see who will be responsible for the various duties involved. Mr. Freda said that he would contact Chris Fletcher who played an integral part in prior Show & Sell programs for information on obtaining sponsors. He will also see if he would be interested in helping with this year's program. Mr. Freda said that his office will take care of the advertising.

Mr. LoPresti said he would contact Robin Wilson of the Chamber to see if they would like to get involved in the process.

Mr. Mann said the first step is to contact the school to see if we could use the high school as the location for the program.

M. FREDA OVERVIEW

Mr. Freda said that he has been working with a company in a small industrial park on Giles Avenue to expand their business. It has already been approved by the ZBA and is now going before the P&Z.

He also said that Vintage Car Kit Company is filling the last vacancy in the industrial park on Republic Drive.

Mr. Freda has met with a company from New York that is interested in the former Quebecor site on State Street. It is a manufacturing company that would employ 150-170 people. He is in the very beginning stages of negotiations. He will be meeting with them again in July.

Mr. Freda has also met with Henry Criscuolo about the vacant gas station site in the Montowese section and has gotten Len Fasano involved. He said that we could possibly have a tenant but the site needs to be remediated first.

Mr. Freda has been working with a developer from Glastonbury that is focusing on the front side of the Rabina property. He has also met with Quinnipiac University and is waiting to receive a copy of a feasibility study that QU had prepared. Once he receives this study, he can use it to create letters of intent from businesses.

Further discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Town resident Ray Fowler asked the Commission if he could make a presentation at our next meeting. The commission members agreed and he will be put on the July agenda.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for July 29, 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. Gambardella.