

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Members Present: Todd DePino, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Walter Mann, Stephen F. Darley, Deborah Moore, William Gambardella, Richard LoPresti

Members Absent: First Selectman Freda

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 31, 2011. Mr. Darley moved their acceptance, seconded by Ms. Moore.

VOTE:	Maher - Yes	Mann – Yes	Gambardella - Yes
	Prasad - Yes	DePino - Yes	Darley - Yes
	Moore – Yes	LoPresti - Yes	

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that First Selectman Freda was unable to attend today’s meeting because he has been appointed to the Regional Leadership Council and their first meeting was today.

Mr. LoPresti said that he will be meeting with the First Selectman a week before our EDC meeting to discuss the status of various projects.

Ms. Moore met with Ron Penton of the North Haven Trail Association. He gave her sample easements and a detailed vision of their plan for the trail. Mr. Penton would like to streamline the process of obtaining permits, etc. and make North Haven more business friendly. Ms. Moore said that they are trying to set up a meeting with various commissions and boards to get their ideas and suggestions.

Mr. LoPresti said that the Town is a member of CEDAS and commission members are welcome to attend meetings. He said that he will bring in information about the organization as soon as he receives it.

Mr. LoPresti reminded commission members to bring in their Code of Ethics form.

The Economic Development Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at the Holiday Inn. Mr. Nick Perna has committed to speak. Mr. LoPresti said he would like to have a maximum of three speakers with a total one hour presentation. First Selectman Freda will be one of the speakers.

Yale has scheduled four outreach meetings the first of which will be at Town Hall on March 8th at 5:30 PM. Mr. LoPresti encouraged commission members to attend.

Mr. LoPresti asked Mr. Mann if he would coordinate the Show & Sell program again this year. Mr. Mann agreed and said that he will begin to work on it.

Mr. LoPresti said that he would like to meet with commission members individually to get to know them better and find out what role they would like to play on the Commission. He said that he would contact them in the near future.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that the Quebecor property at 297 State Street is moving along. There is one major tenant interested in the building but they are still pursuing the scenario to split the building into four.

As mentioned previously, Yale is beginning their community outreach meetings. The Certificate of Need is at the state and we expect an answer by July.

Mr. LoPresti said that First Selectman Freda is working with the developer on the medical office/complex on Devine/State Street. He is also talking to and working with Doug Gray and Mickey Rabina.

Mr. LoPresti said that he and the First Selectman would like to meet with Stop & Shop to discuss their vacancies. He also said that Urgent Care opened on Universal Drive by Home Depot.

Mr. Maher asked if the commission members could obtain a map of the Town showing the areas that are developable. He said that he would contact Alan Fredricksen directly to get copies for the commission members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 24, 2011, at 8:15 a.m.

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. DePino moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.