

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, July 28, 2011.

Members Present: Todd DePino, Walter Mann, William Gambardella, First Selectman Freda, Richard LoPresti; Frank Maher, Stephen F. Darley

Members Absent: Deborah Moore, Radha Prasad

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 23, 2011. Mr. DePino moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.

VOTE:	Mann - Yes	Freda- Yes	DePino - Yes
	LoPresti –Yes	Gambardella – Yes	Maher – Yes
	Darley - Yes		

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that he met with the Connecticut Resource Center and that the Town is now a member of CERC.

Mr. LoPresti invited Commission members to attend an open house at 297 State Street on September 15th between 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. There will be area brokers in attendance and a few speakers.

Mr. LoPresti and Mr. Prasad have met with a few vendors about the creation of an economic development website. It will be a stand alone website with links to the Town and CERC websites.

Mr. LoPresti said that he watched a Zoning Forum that was held in Town on NHTV and said that discussion of a blight ordinance was brought up several times. He suggested that a meeting be scheduled with a few members of the P&Z Commission to determine whose jurisdiction this would fall under. Mr.DePino said that the ordinance will be reviewed by the Town Attorney and be presented at the September Town Meeting.

Mr. LoPresti said that he and Mr. Prasad have visited a few businesses in Town. Mr. LoPresti is involved with Regional Economic Xcelleration (REX) and they are in the process of developing a business visitation program to work in concert with municipalities. He has a meeting tomorrow and will keep the Commission informed.

Our Quinnipiac University Intern, Ben, said that he is working on updating our business data base for the Show and Sell. He also attended a meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce promoting a clean energy program sponsored by the UI. UI is having a presentation in September and will be inviting local businesses.

Mr. Mann said that he has confirmed the date of October 15th with school officials. Letters have already gone out to Mr. Mann said he would like to get Yale and Quinnipiac as sponsors. Mr. Freda and Mr. LoPresti said that they would work on getting these sponsorships.

Mr. Darley said that he has questions relating to the development of an economic brochure and would like to meet with Mr. LoPresti to go over the details.

FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda had a meeting with Michael Schiavone about the Celevon property. The Town is actively marketing this property.

Mr. Freda said that written testimony will be taken until August 3rd on the Yale Medical project. A decision should be made no later than October 3, 2011.

Mr. Freda also met with Mickey Rabina and said that Mr. Rabina is fully committed to North Haven and they are working on cleaning up the properties to make them more desirable.

Mr. Freda said that there will be an Open House on September 15th at 297 State Street. The owner has installed sidewalks, the façade has been painted and all utilities acquired.

Mr. Freda is still working with the Post Office to relocate it north of the Exit 12 ramp. The current lease for the post office building on Washington Avenue has been extended for six months.

Further discussion followed.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 25, 2011, at 8:15 a.m.

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