

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

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

Members Absent: Deborah Moore

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 27, 2011. Mr. Farley moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE: Mann - Yes DePino - Yes LoPresti - Yes
Maher - Yes Freda - Yes Prasad - Yes
Gambardella - Yes

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

Mr. LoPresti began the discussion asking commission members if they had any ideas as to the agenda and speakers for our next breakfast. Mr. Gambardella suggested that we have the Castle Corporation representatives speak about their new medical facility which is due to break ground in spring 2012. It was also suggested that Quinnipiac University give an update on the new medical school which should be completed by September 2013.

Mr. LoPresti recommended that we have the breakfast in April. Commission members agreed and suggested using Quinnipiac University's facilities this time.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that a brainstorming session with the EDC subcommittee has been scheduled for November 21 at 9:30 am in the Selectman's office to discuss the creation of an economic development website.

Mr. LoPresti encouraged commission members to attend the annual CEDAS meeting on December 1st in New Britain. The cost is \$25.00.

Mr. LoPresti said that he attended a reception at Liuzzi's for InLineAdz. North Haven has an ad on a digital screen at Liuzzi's which displays selected local business ads. Liuzzi's is the first company in North Haven to display this new marketing technology.

FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda said that an upscale franchise restaurant called Hibachi Grill will be coming to North Haven in the Stop & Shop Plaza. It will create about 70 jobs. It should open sometime in March early April.

Ulbrich Steel will be locating their world headquarters in North Haven at the old Stop & Shop offices on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Freda said that a developer met with Quinnipiac University to discuss student housing on northern Washington Avenue. Quinnipiac was very receptive and would incur no financial responsibility for the construction of this project. Quinnipiac agreed to make referrals. Construction would be in 2013.

Mr. Freda said that he keeps in touch with Mickey Rabina regularly but has nothing tangible to report at this time.

The Post Office has agreed to stay in North Haven and has renewed their lease for another two years. Mr. Freda said the goal of this administration is to move the Post Office out of their current location to upper Washington Avenue (Parese property).

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for December 22, 2011 at 8:15 a.m.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Gambardella moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.