

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Members Present: Walter Mann, Radha Prasad, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, William Gambardella, Walter Spader

Members Absent: First Selectman Freda, Deborah Moore, Todd DePino

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 26, 2012. Mr. Spader moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Mann – Yes	Prasad - Yes
	Spader -Yes	Maher – Yes	Gambardella – Yes

SHOW & SELL

Mr. Mann said that he checked with Fantasia to see if it was possible to have the event there. He said that Fantasia charges \$750 an hour for their facility, no food vendors allowed and the month of October was already booked.

Mr. LoPresti spoke with Holiday Inn and they are also booked for October. Mr. Mann thought that the High School would be the best alternative. Commission members agreed. Mr. Mann said that he will check on the date (October 20th) with the high school to make sure it is available.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Spader said that he is pulling together the marketing information for the economic development brochures. He should have mock-ups by July.

Mr. Maher prepared a detailed list of businesses on State and Devine Streets in preparation for arrival of Yale. Mr. LoPresti said that it was a good start and that maybe the commission members could visit the businesses to ask them for discounts for the employees at Yale. Mr. Spader suggested that the Commission send out a letter to business owners. Commission members thought that was an excellent idea.

Mr. LoPresti invited Doreen DeSarro of the Wallingford EDC to our meeting today but she was unable to attend. She will attend our June meeting. Mr. LoPresti will be attending the Wallingford EDC meeting the first week of June.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Ms. Goodkin asked commission members to revisit the site and email her with their comments/suggestions/changes. Mr. LoPresti said that if commission members have any news/announcements to email Ms. Goodkin with the information so that she can get it on the website immediately.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Goodkin distributed the results of a survey that she prepared on the EDC Breakfast. She said she only received 31 responses but the majority of the responses were very positive.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for June 28, 2012 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Spader moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM, seconded by Mr. LoPresti.