

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

August 23, 2012

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

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

Members Absent: Todd DePino

REX Presentation

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting by introducing Ginny Kozlowski, the Executive Director of the Regional Economic Xcelleration (REX). Ms. Kozlowski’s presentation described the purpose of REX. She was aided by consultants Mark Waterhouse, Leslie Cosgrove, Dave Racci, Chris Rappa and Carl Amento. Also present was Scott Jackson, the Mayor of Hamden. REX is a regional partnership of fifteen towns in the greater New Haven area. Since Ms. Kozlowski will be making her presentation to all fifteen towns in the region, she sought input from the Commission members on five questions related to the region’s economic development future. Ms. Kozlowski will make a follow-up presentation to the Commission in January or February of 2013.

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 26, 2012. Mr. Prasad moved their acceptance, seconded by Ms. Moore.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Mann - Yes	Maher - Yes
	Freda - Yes	Spader - Yes	Gambardella - Yes
	Moore - Yes	Prasad - Yes	

SHOW & SELL

Ms. Goodkin said there are three \$400 sponsors and one food vendor to date.

STATE STREET BUSINESSES

Mr. LoPresti said that as soon as we receive clarification on Yale’s solicitation policy, he would like to split up the list of State Street businesses among commission members. He would like commission members to make phone calls or visit the businesses on their list.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Maher said that United Illuminating has left their facility on Middletown Avenue, at the New Haven town line. UI’s crews have relocated to UI’s new facility in Orange.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda then gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. Mr. Freda said that there are many ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 27, 2012 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Spader moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 AM, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.