

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, October 25, 2012.

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

Members Absent: Deborah Moore

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 27, 2012. Mr. DePino moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

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

SHOW & SELL

Ms. Goodkin reported that we are on track with 80 vendors and 6 food vendors. Medica Group is the premium sponsor. Event sponsors include Non-Tox, Under Construction Contractors, Ciulla & Donofrio, CT Vascular Center, Forget Me Not, Graebel, and Sunny Side Up Early Learning Center. The entertainment will be inside the gym this year and the music will be piped throughout the gym. The Sunny Side Day Care will be located in the lobby. There will be crafts and face painting for the children. Also there will be free prize drawings for all attendees. Ms. Goodkin said that she needed volunteers to help with the setup on Friday between 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM and also on Saturday morning. Further discussion followed with commission members signing up for specific time slots for the event.

STATE STREET BUSINESSES

Mr. LoPresti still is waiting to hear back from Yale about their solicitation policy.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that he took a self-guided tour of Building #1 at Quinnipiac University North Haven Campus and showed the brochure to commission members.

Mr. DePino said that he noticed graffiti on the Marlin building. Mr. Freda said that he has already called and it will be taken care of.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda then gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. He said that Dunkin Donuts has been denied by P&Z for the site currently occupied by Phil’s Garden Center. Phil’s Garden Center will be staying at this location temporarily. Mr. Freda also said that the Apt Foundation of New Haven will be moving to the former 95 House on State Street. The Apt Foundation offers substance abuse services.

Mr. Freda said that there are many ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. LoPresti said that Doreen DeSarro, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Wallingford, will give a presentation at our November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. LoPresti asked commission members to begin thinking about our Spring Economic Development Breakfast. He suggested that we give out awards.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 29, 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. Prasad.