

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, November 29, 2012.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Walter Mann, Richard LoPresti,
Todd DePino, Frank Maher, Walter Spader, Deborah Moore

Members Absent: Radha Prasad, William Gambardella

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 25, 2012. Mr. DePino moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Maher.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Mann - Yes	Freda - Yes
	Maher - Yes	DePino - Yes	Spader - Yes
	Moore - Yes		

SHOW & SELL LESSONS LEARNED

Both Mr. Spader and Mr. LoPresti said that they appreciated the effort and hard work that Ms. Goodkin put into the Show and Sell. Mr. LoPresti said that the layout of the gym was much better this year. He said there was more traffic in the morning and then it slowed in the afternoon.

Ms. Goodkin thanked the commission members for all their help. She said we need to publicize the event more so that we can draw more people. We also need to attract more sponsors.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Mann said that a new business called Kathie's Kitchen opened up on Devine Street. The company produces pumpkin seeds (Super Seedz).

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. He said that Yale New Haven will be up and running by January 2013. The first of three new medical buildings has opened on Devine Street. He also said that he continues to work on improving northern Washington Avenue. Mr. Freda said that there are many ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

State Street Businesses – Mr. LoPresti said that he still has not heard back from Yale about their solicitation policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. LoPresti said that he contacted Quinnipiac University about putting in a kiosk with information/discounts about area businesses for students and professors. A lengthy discussion followed and it was decided that before we prepare a proposal, we will wait to hear back from Quinnipiac about their policy on solicitation.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for January 24, 2013 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. DePino moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM, seconded by Mr. Maher.