

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, January 31, 2013.

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

Members Absent: Walter Spader, Deborah Moore

### MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 29, 2012. Mr. DePino moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

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

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

Mr. LoPresti said that he checked with Holiday Inn for dates in April. Two possible dates are April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>. Commission members decided on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Commission members agreed that Holiday Inn would be the best venue.

Mr. LoPresti discussed possible agenda items for the breakfast. He suggested a presentation by a family-owned business such as Ulbrich Steel. Another suggestion was that the Commission develop an Annual EDC award and possibly a small business award. The Commission would have to create criteria for these awards. Other agenda items would include Mr. Freda's update and a presentation by one of the new projects in Town.

### COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Mann reported that Namco has finished remodeling and will open again in the North Haven Shopping Center. He also said that Club Kids in the same shopping center has closed. He also informed the Commission that Rave Cinemas has been acquired by Cinemark.

Mr. DePino said that calls for properties are picking up and that businesses are committing to projects.

### M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. He said that Yale New Haven's grand opening is on February 28, 2013 at 5:30 PM. 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

Mr. LoPresti toured the Rabina site with DECD. OR & L Commercial will be handing the site and has plans to demolish the building. They are already applying for permits. This property will be developed into an industrial park.

Mr. LoPresti said that since Yale and Quinnipiac have non-solicitation policies, maybe EDC can do a one-day expo to promote businesses in the area. He asked commission members to think about it and get back to him at our next meeting in February.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for February 28, 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. Prasad.