

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, August 22, 2013.

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

Members Absent: Christopher Duby

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 27, 2013. Mr. Spader moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

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

CERC DRAFT PRESENTATION MARKET STUDY

Ms. Alissa DeJonge and Mr. Matt Ross of CERC gave a presentation on the upper Washington Avenue study to determine market opportunities for economic growth. Mr. Freda said that North Haven residents don't like dramatic change and he would like to create change that protects the integrity of the Town. Ms. DeJonge said that the Town must decide which types of uses fit with its vision for the upper Washington Avenue area, and make sure the features are in place to attract those businesses. Commission members asked questions and made recommendations.

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST

Mr. LoPresti said that he has secured Holiday Inn for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 am with networking until 8:00 am. The program will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. The theme of the meeting will be northern Washington Avenue. CERC will present their final report for northern Washington Avenue. He said that speakers include Mr. Candido - Quinnipiac Bank, Mr. Inglese - the D'Addio Property, OR & L - the P &W property, and end with the First Selectman's update.

RESTAURANT WEEK

Mr. LoPresti said that we need to regroup on this event. After listening to the presentation given by Ms. Nancy Dudchik, President of the Hamden Chamber of Commerce at our last meeting, he realized that the Town does not have the resources to coordinate this event. Commission members agreed with his assessment. He said that maybe we could hire a project manager or find a volunteer to head up this project. Mr. LoPresti said he will do more research and that if we were to have a restaurant week it wouldn't be until the fall of 2014.

COMMISSION UPDATE

None.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda 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

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 24, 2013 at **8:15 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Prasad moved to adjourn the meeting at 9: 50 AM, seconded by Mr. Mann.