

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, January 23, 2014.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Walter Mann, Deborah Moore, Stephen Gifford, Alan Sturtz, Marc Olins

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on December 19, 2013. Ms. Moore moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Maher - Yes	Prasad - Yes
	Gifford- Yes	Freda - Yes	Moore – Yes
	Mann – Yes	Sturtz – Yes	Olins - yes

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

First Selectman Freda called the members to order and asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Mann moved the nomination of Mr. LoPresti as Chairman, seconded by Ms. Moore.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Maher - Yes	Prasad - Yes
	Gifford- Yes	Freda - Yes	Moore – Yes
	Mann – Yes	Sturtz – Yes	Olins - yes

First Selectman Freda then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Mr. Maher moved the nomination of Mr. Mann as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Maher - Yes	Prasad - Yes
	Gifford- Yes	Freda - Yes	Moore – Yes
	Mann – Yes	Sturtz – Yes	Olins - yes

First Selectman Freda then called for nominations for the position of Secretary. Mr. Prasad moved the nomination of Mr. Maher as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Maher - Yes	Prasad - Yes
	Gifford- Yes	Freda - Yes	Moore – Yes
	Mann – Yes	Sturtz – Yes	Olins - yes

First Selectman Freda then turned the meeting over to Chairman LoPresti.

EDC BREAKFAST

Mr. LoPresti said that he contacted Best Western Plus (formerly Holiday Inn) to find available dates in April for our meeting. There were three dates available: Thursday, April 10th, Wednesday, April 16th and Tuesday, April 22nd. Commission members agreed on the tentative date of Thursday, April 10th.

Mr. Gifford suggested Quinnipiac University as an alternative. He suggested that a speaker from Quinnipiac be put on the agenda for the breakfast to talk about their new medical facilities and possibly their MBA program.

Mr. LoPresti said that he did contact Quinnipiac but has not heard back. He will follow-up with them this week. They do have an auditorium and also have food service available.

Commission members discussed possible speakers for the breakfast.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Sturtz said that he will look into the shoreline company that produces maps of businesses for local towns to see if they can do an electronic version. Mr. LoPresti suggested having the company come to a Commission meeting to discuss our options.

Ms. Goodkin said that the town website is under construction and we are using a new vendor. She also said we will have more flexibility with the new website.

Mr. Olins said that he has reached out to some bankers concerning small business loans and will continue to work on this.

Mr. Gifford toured a flagship incubator in East Hartford. Currently there are no municipalities who sponsor incubators.

Further discussion followed with members offering ideas and suggestions.

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

Mr. LoPresti informed new commission members that we are members of CEDAS, which is a statewide economic development organization. He said to check their website for information on their Quarterly Meetings.

Mr. Sturtz said to check the Goodwin College website for a presentation that is being given by Stew Leonard.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for February 27th at **8:30 a.m.**

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