

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 29, 2015 SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING/WORKSHOP

An Informational Meeting/Workshop was held and attended by the following public agencies of the Town of North Haven on April 29, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Ludal's Restaurant, 28-30 Broadway, North Haven, CT 06473.

- Board of Selectmen
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Economic Development Commission
- Board of Finance
- Board of Education
- Inlands Wetlands Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Blight Prevention Appeals Board

The workshop was presented by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce to discuss the fundamentals of municipal economic development. The workshop was a collaboration of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, the Connecticut Economic Development Association, the Connecticut Main Street Center and the MetroHartford Alliance.

The workshop stressed the collaboration between our Economic Development Commission, land use boards and commissions, public officials and community partners who impact economic development. Economic development is a critical component of any community's strategic plan. It is important that public officials across the municipal structure understand the intricacies of the local, state and global economy, and develop a strong and successful economic development foundation for their community's future.

Mr. Robert W. Santy, President and CEO of CERC, Ms. Alissa DeJonge, Vice President of Research for CERC and Mr. Patrick McMahon, Director of Economic & Community Development for the Town of Suffield presented information about research, marketing and general economic development practices as well as resources and tools that are available to achieve economic development results.

Discussion followed with attendees asking questions.

Workshop was adjourned at 8:00 PM.