

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

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

Members Absent: Walter Mann

Also Present: Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 25, 2015. Mr. Maher moved their acceptance, seconded by Ms. Moore.

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

BUS TOUR

Mr. LoPresti said that he met with the Mr. Maher, Mr. Sturtz, Mr. Mann and Ms. Goodkin and they discussed the value of having a bus tour. It was decided by the subcommittee to have a bus tour every two years and invite developers and regional brokers to promote available sites in North Haven. Mr. LoPresti said that the subcommittee will continue to meet and work on collateral material on a regular basis.

FALL EDC BREAKFAST

The fall breakfast will take place on October 22, 2015 at the Best Western. Mr. LoPresti welcomed suggestions from commission members on speakers/theme for the breakfast. Mr. Sturtz suggested that we feature small businesses. Mr. LoPresti said he would contact Catherine Smith/Tim Sullivan of DECD to see if they could speak about the Small Business Express Program and possibly set up a table. Mr. Maher suggested having a drone take photos of the property behind Target on Universal Drive to show during Mr. Freda’s presentation. Mr. LoPresti said he would like to invite Cinemark and Dick’s Sporting Goods to speak at the breakfast. Further discussion followed with commission members making recommendations.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that Ms. Goodkin is in the process of setting up a meeting with all the chairs of the boards and commissions pertaining to the plan of conservation and development. Ms. Goodkin said that she has a tentative date scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Gifford shared a letter from the Town of Windsor EDC which requested information from businesses for their data base. He suggested that maybe we can do something similar to this.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. He mentioned that the Cinemark theatre opened on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and that it is a very impressive facility.

Mr. Freda said that there are many other ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 27, 2015 at **8:30 a.m.**

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

## VOTE:

LoPresti -Yes  
Prasad - Yes  
Moore – Yes

Maher - Yes  
Freda - Yes  
Gifford - Yes

Olins - Yes  
Sturtz – Yes