

Minutes of the Special Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

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

Members Absent: Walter Mann, Stephen Gifford

Also Present: Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on August 27, 2015. Mr. Maher moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

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

DISCUSSION AUGUST EDC MEETING

Commission members felt that the legislative update was very informative, candid and overall very impressive. Mr. Freda thought there was a healthy dialogue among legislators and despite their differences; they have professional respect for one another. Further discussion followed.

Mr. LoPresti and members agreed that it was a good choice to have our August meeting at this event.

QUINNIPIAC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – DEE PRIOR NESTI

Mr. LoPresti introduced Dee Prior Nesti and Gary Ciarleglio of the Quinnipiac Chamber to commission members. Mr. LoPresti said that he had spoken to Ms. Nesti about the Commission’s idea for creating a small business event. Ms. Nesti said that a great example of a small business event is “Celebrate Wallingford”. It is a two day event in Wallingford that has been very successful. Ms. Nesti did say that it takes a tremendous amount of work. Wallingford has a full time employee who spearheads this event. Further discussion followed with commission members making recommendations. Mr. Freda recommended that the Commission set a goal of meeting with one business per quarter.

FALL EDC BREAKFAST

The breakfast will take place on October 22nd at Best Western. Our regular meeting which is scheduled for the same date will be cancelled and our next regular meeting will be on November 19th. Speakers will include Commissioner Smith of DECD, Cinemark, UI and First Selectman Freda.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Sturtz mentioned that next year will be the 230th anniversary of the Town and we should think about possibly doing something.

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 other ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. LoPresti asked that members attend the P & Z meeting on September 14, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 19, 2015 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Ms. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM, seconded by Mr. Olins.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Maier - Yes	Olins - Yes
	Prasad - Yes	Freda – Yes	Sturtz - Yes
	Moore - Yes		