

Minutes of the Regular Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Deborah Moore , Stephen Gifford, Marc Olins, Alan Sturtz, 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 March 24, 2016. Mr. Sturtz moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

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

MILONE & MCBROOM – PRESENTATION PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Zuba of Milone & McBroom said that they have launched the community survey on the town website. He said that they are trying to promote the survey to as many people as possible. Ms. Goodkin will send the survey out to all businesses on our breakfast list. Mr. Zuba also said that a workshop is scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Annex. He encouraged commission members to attend. Residents will be able to participate.

LESSONS LEARNED - SPRING BREAKFAST

Mr. Maher suggested that the speakers use a large font (36) when making their presentations. He said it is very difficult to see the slides. Mr. LoPresti said that in the future he will advise the speakers of this request.

Ms. Goodkin went over the results of the questionnaire in detail. She said there were about 130 attendees and that most of the responses were positive. Everyone was very pleased with the facility and found the presentations informative.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Mann suggested that Mr. Freda’s update be put at the beginning of our agenda. He said that Mr. Freda’s update is very important to commission members. All Commission members agreed.

M. FRED A UPDATE

Mr. Freda gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. Discussion followed with Commission members asking questions and making recommendations.

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

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for May 26, 2016 at **8:30 a.m.**

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

VOTE:

Freda – Yes
Prasad – Yes
Sturtz – Yes

LoPresti -Yes
Gifford - Yes
Mann – Yes

Maher – Yes
Olins – Yes
Moore - Yes