

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on December 17, 2015. Ms. Moore moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Maher.

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

OFFICE OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH – YALE UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Mr. Gifford was unable to get in touch with a representative from the Office of Cooperative Research. He will pursue and try to schedule a presentation for the Commission.

SPRING BREAKFAST

Mr. Maher contacted Cinemark to obtain information on using the facility for the Spring breakfast. He said that there is an auditorium rental fee of \$350 per hour and that you cannot bring in your own food. The only approved caterer is Panera Bread. There is an administration fee of \$100. Mr. LoPresti contacted Fantasia and reported that there is no facility fee but the cost per person is \$13.95 plus tax and tip. Mr. LoPresti estimated it to be about \$3,600 for 100 attendees. Mr. LoPresti asked Commission members if they had any objection to trying Fantasia. Members agreed to Fantasia and a date of April 14<sup>th</sup> was set. Because of the cost of the breakfast, the Commission will have to obtain sponsors. Discussion followed on possible speakers to include

DISCUSSION OF PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. LoPresti and Mr. Maher attended the P&Z meeting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in which the Plan of Conservation and Development was discussed. Mr. Maher was disappointed that there was no public input at the meeting. Mr. LoPresti explained that Milone & McBroom are just starting the process and working with Land Use to identify properties. Public meetings will take place at a later date.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Prasad suggested that the commission provide guidelines for site visits by commission members.

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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for February 25, 2016 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Gifford moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 AM, seconded by Mr. Maher.

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