

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

**March 23, 2011**

Present: Commissioners: Cyrus Settineri, John DePalma, Robert Kapusta, Susan Patrick and Robert Stanton

Absent: Kathy Alagno and Genevieve Salvatore

Advisor: Robert Gregory

- I. Chairman Settineri called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. Approval of the minutes of March 2, 2011. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- IV. Communications – None
- V. Economic Development Activity

Mr. Gregory noted the report included in the package. He invited any commissioner who wanted to go to a seminar on economic development to be held April 14<sup>th</sup>.

- VI. Committee Reports

- A. Thank You to Business

Mr. Settineri said he knew someone who had a direct contact with the governor. He asked and received permission from the commission to contact the governor for an event.

- B. Business Visitation

Mr. DePalma said that there was discussion at MPI regarding business in downtown Milford. Discussion was held regarding the Harrison's site. It was decided to contact ACE to see if they have a franchise owner that might be interested.

Discussion was also held regarding the former Dunkin' Donuts site.

C. Business Survey

Mr. Gregory said that he had summarized the responses and had some recommendations for action. He will distribute his analysis of the survey to the commission members.

D. Land Use and Permitting

Mr. Settineri said he had a meeting with Ms. Mathiasen and she assured him that the new computer system would speed things up. There was a general feeling that things had not improved in the process.

A motion was made and seconded to re-engage our investigation into the Land Use and Permitting process and determine what progress has been made.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Plan of Conservation and Development

Ms. Patrick said that it was important to provide input into Planning and Zonings Plan of Conservation and Development and that recommendations would be forthcoming.

F. Economic Development Plan

Mr. Gregory has an ED plan that he is updating. He will send copies to all commission members for their review.

VII. Old Business

Concern was expressed regarding the governor's proposal to turn over the Vo-Tech schools to the local communities. It was decided to invite Gene Laporta to the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Settineri noted that the Board of Aldermen hearing on the EDC budget would be held April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Mr. Stanton would like the EDC to consider giving an award for the most improved property. He suggested Showmotion. There was support for this idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert B. Gregory  
Director