

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES of the Meeting of March 25, 2015

Present: Commissioners: John O'Neil, Chairman, Greg Harla, Vice Chair, John DePalma, and Michael Lynch

Advisors: Kathy Alagno

Absent: Suzanne Cahill, Victor Ferrante, Robert Kapusta, and Julie Nash

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – A motion was made by Michael Lynch and seconded by Greg Harla to approve the minutes of February 25, 2015 with a minor change.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – No Report.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**V. CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY** – No Report.

**VII. STANDING ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. DOWNTOWN PARKING & LIAISON TO P&Z BOARD – Chair O'Neil stated that the Agro property and the adjoining property will be turned into a parking lot as quickly as possible. The parking will be two levels as soon as they acquire the title to the land.

B. CHAMBER – Ms. Alagno gave a comprehensive presentation on the Milford Chamber of Commerce, based on her 20 plus years with the Chamber. The material presented included:

- The history of the Chamber
- Mission and objectives which focus on membership, legislative action and economic development
- A description of the membership – mostly small local businesses
- Review of marketing materials
- Affiliates and spin-offs of the Chamber

- Key activities and accomplishments including (but certainly not limited to) development of the Oyster Festival, The United Way, Network of Executive Women, Milford Consortium for Child Care Initiatives, Score and The Phoenix Fund
- Working relationships with other town entities including the Downtown Milford Business Association, Milford Progress, Inc. and of course the EDC
- Involvement in Tourism

C. PERMIT & LAND USE PROGRESS REPORT FERRANTE/LYNCH – No Report.

D. VISITATION REPORT – No Report.

E. TOURISM – No Report.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY** – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. A motion was unanimously carried to finalize the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna E. Holden