

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES of the Meeting of June 24, 2015

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

Absent: Kathy Alagno, Julie Nash, John DePalma & Victor Ferrante

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 Greg Harla and seconded by Suzanne Cahill to approve the minutes of May 27, 2015.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chair O'Neil stated that he made an attempt to have Scott Molton from MPI to join the EDC meeting, but he was unable to connect with him. The Mayor gave Chair O'Neil a list of project items to be considered by the commission.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. CORRESPONDENCE – Bob Kapusta's resignation letter was submitted to the commission.

VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY – No Report.

VII. STANDING ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DOWNTOWN PARKING – Chair O'Neil stated that the City will close on the two properties on High Street probably within the next month. The Agro property will not close until sometime in November.

B. CHAMBER – No Report.

C. PERMIT & LAND USE - FERRANTE/GRIFFITH – No Report.

D. VISITATION REPORT – No Report.

E. TOURISM – No Report. Fireworks will take place at Lisman Landing on July 2nd.

F. OTHER AREAS/PROJECTS TO BE ADDED – A discussion was held regarding the list of projects that the Mayor provided to the commission. Chair O’Neil stated that Julie Nash has a close working relationship with Joe Williams who provides grants for small businesses. Chair O’Neil suggested that DECD be part of a future EDC meeting to discuss grant opportunities and availability of these grants. Ms. Cahill has been a recipient of one of these grants and also suggested that the commission proceed but this process is involved and it will require navigation. Greg Harla spoke with Frank Dixon who is from the CTPTAP and has an office at Parsons to maximize opportunities for small businesses. A suggestion was also made to have a meeting with all Commercial Realtors to create a Commercial Development Program in the City of Milford to facilitate item #2 on the Mayor’s list. The additional items on the list were tabled until a future meeting. The commission also discussed having a representative come to the September EDC meeting to speak about guidelines and steps that are followed for the Downtown New Haven area. It was also stated that the Milford Business Associations be present for the Downtown New Haven discussion. Ms. Cahill also recommended that the commission have a separate meeting in September for the Commercial Realtor’s.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. A motion was unanimously carried to finalize the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna E. Holden