

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 17, 2010

Present: Commissioners: Cyrus Settineri, Susan Ashelford,
John DePalma, Robert Kapusta, Susan Patrick,
Genevieve Salvatore, Robert Stanton
Advisor: Robert Gregory
Press: Frank Juliano, CT Post, Brian McCready, NH
Register

- I. Chairman Settineri called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. Minutes - The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2010, were approved as presented.
- IV. Economic Development Report

Mr. Gregory said the main event was the commissioning of the GenCon power plant that would mean an additional \$3 million a year in tax revenue. The rest of the report is included as an addendum to these minutes. Commission members noted the sale of 1 New Haven Avenue to Smith Craft.

- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Brokers Showcase – Chairman Settineri said that EDC should plan for an event in March or April. Showmotion was mentioned as the location. Ms. Patrick will contact them after the first of the year.
 - B. Business Visitation – Mr. DePalma listed a number of businesses to be contacted including Gusto's, ShopRite, Rainbow Gardens, Milford Boat Works, and Costco. Ms. Salvatore suggested Bill DeSilva and his wife, owners of SBC and Sports Clips.
 - C. Business Survey – Mr. Gregory said that 77 had been returned. Chairman Settineri suggested that each commissioner take 10 copies and distribute to businesses they know.
 - D. Land Use and Permitting – Chairman Settineri said that he had not heard of any problems. Ms. Salvatore inquired about

permit activity. A quarterly report will be requested from the Department of Land Use and Permitting.

E. Plan of Conservation and Development – Ms. Patrick said that she would be working with Ms. Salvatore on this. The timeframe for Planning and Zoning is to have a plan ready for a vote in November of 2011.

F. Long-Range Economic Development Strategic Plan

Ms. Salvatore said she had been working on this plan earlier in the year and had gathered plans from other communities. She asked that those plans be distributed to the commission members.

G. Shop Local – Ms. Ashelford said that t-shirts were sold at the Oyster Festival. Several businesses were mentioned as interested in having “M” banners.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

Discussion was held about the revaluation process and its effect on homeowners.

Discussion was held on possible guests. Names mentioned included Bob Macklin, Milford Bank, Harry Garafalo, ShopRite, and the owner of the Milford Cinema property.

The December meeting will be held on the 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Gregory