

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES of the Meeting of July 25, 2012

Present: Commissioners: Cyrus Settineri, Robert Kapusta, Victor Ferrante, Susan Patrick, John DePalma, John O'Neil, and Robert Stanton

Absent: Kathy Alagno

Advisor: Robert Gregory

I. Chairman Settineri called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2012 were approved as presented.

III. Public Comments – None

IV. Economic Development Activity

Mr. Gregory presented the enclosed report adding that Ceruzzi Properties had purchased the Showcase Cinema property for \$5.8 mil.

V. Correspondence

Chairman Settineri noted that he had sent letters to the Colony Grill people thanking them for their commitment to Milford.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Film and Jazz Festival

The Chair reported that he had heard nothing from Jim Amann regarding this matter.

B. Broker's Showcase

The Commission decided that next spring would be a good time to hold another with the revamped format.

VII. Old Business

The Commission discussed the vacant lot next to Harrison's. Attempts will be made to improve the lot with plantings. Any

action depends on the willingness of the owner to permit activity.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Gregory noted that the Devon project is coming to an end. The Devon Revitalization Committee is thinking of forming a business association that would carry on various activities. He also noted that the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee is moving ahead with the dune crossing redo. In response to a question, he said that the sidewalks at the end of Naugatuck Avenue are the subject of an education and political program to convince the powers to be that the sidewalk could be widened.

The issue of Farmer's Markets was discussed. There are three in Milford now, one at Treat's on Wednesday afternoons, one downtown at Agro's, and one in Devon at the parking lot next to Al Dente's.

The issue of Sonic's location in Orange was discussed. This was not something that the City could have changed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Gregory