

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES of the Meeting of March 22, 2017

Present

Commissioners: Michael Lynch, Chairman; Greg Harla, Vice Chairman; Michael Crowley; Jennifer Clinton; John DePalma; Julie Nash, Advisor

Absent

Victor Ferrante; Gary Mullin; Dan Kiley

I. Call to Order

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting

Ms. Clinton and Mr. Harla made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2017. Unanimously approved.

III. Chairman's Report/Introductory Comments

Chairman Lynch welcomed recommendations to fill the vacancy on the EDC.

IV. Public Comments – None

V. New Business "Meet and Greet": Bob Fortier, Statewide Insurance Group

Mr. Fortier spoke about his experience in the property, casualty, small business and commercial insurance industry. He has held leadership roles in various youth sports, has sponsored local sports teams and expressed his interest in getting more involved in the community.

VI. Correspondence – None

VII. Economic Development Activity

Director Nash announced they are close to lending their first grant through the Micro-Enterprise Assistance Program. The next Economic Development Roundtable discussion will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30am at Lisman Landing; Airbnb is scheduled to make a presentation. The Village of Devon Business Association, a newly formed group for businesses in Devon, will be holding their first meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Milford Day at the Capitol will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> and she is applying for SHIPP grants to fund projects in Milford harbor.

VIII. Standing Items/Committee Reports

A. Downtown Update

Director Nash is expecting an update on marketing analysis and conceptual site plan from the consultants soon.

B. Chamber – None

C. Permit & Land Use

Mr. Griffith reported on recent efforts their department has made to improve the permit and inspection process. A discussion on permitting and certificates ensued.

D. Visitation Reports

Mr. Depalma recently visited ShopRite and reported on many services they provide.

E. Tourism – None

F. Milford Harbor

Ms. Clinton and Vice Chairman Harla reported on a recent meeting with harbormaster, Ray Swift where they spoke about how this Committee can assist in promoting Milford harbor. The Committee discussed options for various events and ways to incentivize off-weekend business and shared ideas on putting together a welcome package for visitors.

IX. Milford Marketing – None

X. EDC Project Discussion – None

XI. Old Business – None

XII. New Business – None

A. Sewer Commission – None

B. Tesla

Director Nash spoke about HB 7097; an act that will allow car dealers to sell electric vehicles directly to consumers. She commented on the new job opportunities this can create in Milford and asked the Committee for their support of HB 7097. Chairman Lynch made a motion to approve writing a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Harla. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. A motion was unanimously carried to finalize the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Diamond

Recorder