

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES of the Meeting of August 30, 2017

Present

Commissioners:

Michael Lynch, Chairman; Greg Harla, Vice Chairman; Michael Crowley; Jennifer Clinton; John DePalma;

Advisors: Julie Nash; Gary Mullin; Paige Miglio

Absent

Victor Ferrante

I. Call to Order

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting

Vice Chairman Harla and Mr. Crowley made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2017. Unanimously approved.

III. Chairman's Report/Introductory Comments

Chairman Lynch welcomed Paige Miglio, director of Milford Arts Council and new advisor to EDC. He stated the final vacancy on the Commission should be filled soon. He also spoke about the list of project items for EDC including collaborating with MPI and organizing a Mayor's Cup Regatta at Milford Yacht Club.

IV. Public Comments – None

V. Correspondence

Chairman Lynch mentioned that applications are being accepted for a grant funded by the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation.

VI. Economic Development Activity

Director Nash reported on labor force and new business data in Milford. She spoke about her plans to start tracking construction and industrial building permits, which will speak to funds coming into the city for commercial development. She presented a list of EDC project items and a discussion ensued on the list. Director Nash invited the new director of Connecticut Post Mall to attend next week's Roundtable discussion on September 6<sup>th</sup>. She also announced Scratch Bakery as the next MEAP grant recipient, who plans to use the funds for relocation to Broad Street; a discussion ensued on MEAP grant guidelines.

VII. Standing Items/Committee Reports

A. Downtown Update

Director Nash reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> TOD community workshop and spoke about different ideas presented by BL Companies on how to develop the area.

B. Chamber

Mr. Mullin commented on the success of "Dine Out Milford." Restaurant Week is scheduled for October with a Kick-Off event of food, beer and wine tasting at Costa Azzura on September 26<sup>th</sup> featuring participating restaurants, wineries and liquor stores.

C. Permit & Land Use – None

D. Visitation Reports – None

E. Tourism

Ms. Miglio spoke about the benefits of advertizing in "Coastal Connecticut" magazine. She expressed her support of a Daycation in Milford, Milford Fam Tour, Mayor's Cup Regatta and suggested organizing charter boats to bring people out to watch boat races. She also reported on a recent meeting with SandorMax on developing a tourism website for Milford: a central place for residents and visitors to see events taking place all over Milford. Director Nash spoke about getting a proposal from an additional marketing group; a discussion ensued on cost, upkeep and fund sources.

F. Milford Harbor – None

VIII. Milford Marketing – None

IX. EDC Project Discussion

Chairman Lynch suggested holding a satellite meeting at Milford Yacht club next month to discuss plans for Mayor's Cup Regatta; a discussion ensued on the priority of items on the EDC project list.

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. A motion was unanimously carried to finalize the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Diamond  
Recorder