

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES of the Meeting of October 26, 2016

Present

Commissioners: Greg Harla, Chairman; Michael Lynch, Vice Chairman; Victor Ferrante; Mike Crowley; Julie Nash; Nell Moll

Absent

George Hunihan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harla called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 MEETING

Vice Chairman Lynch and Mr. Crowley made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016. Unanimously approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Chairman Harla commented on EDC activities over the past year, including several projects that added value to the City and credited efforts of Director Nash and Mr. O'Neil, former EDC Chairman. He is starting to see collaboration between groups and encouraged members to engage with and support each other.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS “MEET AND GREET” – None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Director Nash announced a gathering of various city organizations at the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Economic Development Roundtable on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to be held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary. On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Downtown Development Committee will host a kick-off meeting where BL Companies will present their initial plans for the train station market analysis and conceptual site plan. She also announced a DMBA open house intended to connect realtors to prospective new businesses in downtown Milford and commented on EDC goals to work on a management system downtown.

VIII. STANDING ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DOWNTOWN PARKING – None

B. MILFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Moll commented on their growing membership, new programs and committees being formed. MAC is helping to promote the community calendar

and The Chamber is going forward with their plans to sell website space to help fund a position in their office.

C. PERMIT & LAND USE

Mr. Ferrante offered to reach out to Joe Griffith to attend November's meeting.

D. VISITATION REPORT – None

Director Nash and Ms. Moll reported on visiting REI sporting goods store, which is scheduled to open soon. A discussion ensued on old, new and existing businesses in Milford.

E. TOURISM

IX. MILFORD MARKETING PLAN RFP STATUS UPDATE

Director Nash is waiting for a progress update from SHU and looking into alternative, cost-effective marketing options.

X. EDC PROJECT DISCUSSION

Director Nash reminded members that November and December EDC meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. A motion was unanimously carried to finalize the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Diamond  
Recorder