

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT 3/19/2009**

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- 1. John Manno was appointed and Ted Migliarese was re-appointed as members of the EDC at the town council meeting held on March 2, 2009. Both terms will expire on January 31, 2014.**
- 2. Helped the Town tax collector contact the owner of the 400 Park Road building to collect over \$100,000 in overdue property taxes to the town. Talked with a local businessperson who indicates that the former possible purchaser of 400 Park Road is still interested in buying it.**
- 3. Davis Street Square, a new retail shopping plaza in Oakville has mostly completed construction and has at least 3 tenants for its 7 tenant building. Good news in this economy.**
- 4. At the request of the Town Manager and Sean Williams, met with the Director of Sales for Enerlume Corporation, manufacturers of equipment to help local businesses reduce their fluorescent lighting bills by as much as 15%.**
- 5. Met with a member of the EDC to discuss a potential regional working relationship with surrounding towns to develop a niche market in "Green" energy R&D for the area.**
- 6. Drubner has sent out a notice that the 134,000 sf space currently being occupied by Risdon is available for lease.**
- 7. Continue to monitor Drivesol and its continuing manufacturing process.**
- 8. Have had several discussions which indicate that possible progress towards a new retail construction at the site of the former Griffin School continues.**
- 9. Continued discussions with a New York broker who is still looking for a desirable site in Watertown for the location of a moderate sized retail chain store.**
- 10. The developer of the commercial trash recycling center, located at the former Watertown Drive-in property is continuing with his progress towards remediating the property in order to prepare it for the construction of its facility.**

- 11. The EDC will consider at its meeting this evening the possibility of the Town working with CGI Communications to develop 6 videos of economic development activities for Watertown free of charge. They will require that our Town web-site link to those videos.**
- 12. Maintain weekly contact with Kenny Kurren from Congressman Murphy's office concerning activities in town.**
- 13. The annual Watertown/Oakville Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Siemon Company at 9:00 am on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Speaking with be representative Sean Williams and Senator Rob Kane.**