

# MINUTES

## WATERTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**TOWN HALL ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Suzanne Church  
Norman Marcoux  
Joseph McGrail, Chairman  
Theodore Migliarese, Secretary  
Donato Orsini  
Jack Traver, Vice Chairman

**ABSENT:** John Manno

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Patricia Pawlak  
Charles Rowan

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

### **1. Convene Regular Meeting - 7:30 P.M.**

Mr. McGrail, Chairman, Called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McGrail, Chairman, asked Ms. Pawlak to sit in for Mr. Manno, in his absence.

### **2. Roll Call**

Mr. McGrail, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

### **3. Public Participation**

#### **Julie and Mark Kalinowski, Dave's Upholstery**

Mr. and Mrs. Kalinowski discussed their proposed move from 430 Main Street to 470 Main Street in Oakville. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Traver, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to write a letter of support regarding Dave's Upholstery's move from 430 Main Street, Oakville to 470 Main Street, Oakville.

**Discussion:** None

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Ralph DelBuono**

**Tom Daddona**

Mr. DelBuono and Mr. Daddona discussed their plans for the former Sophie's Restaurant location – the new restaurant will be named Triple Play Sports Bar. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**4. Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting – August 20, 2009

MOTION: (Mr. Migliarese, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 20, 2009 as amended.

Discussion: Mr. Rowan was present, but is listed as absent for the August meeting.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Correspondence**

None

**6. Economic Development Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Seacrist gave a report (attached). A lengthy discussion ensued.

**7. New Business**

A. Discussion of Work on Town Web Site

This was discussed earlier under the Economic Development Coordinator's report.

B. Set a Meeting Date and Location for John Rowland to address the EDC at the October meeting.

Mr. McGrail reported the meeting will be in the Swift Middle School media Center and he invited the Town Council and Planning and Zoning. He suggested John invite the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency. They are also planning on putting a notice in the newspaper as well. It will be an open forum. The regular meeting agenda will be suspended for the October meeting in lieu of Mr. Rowland's presentation unless there is something pertinent that needed to be discussed.

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- C. Discussion of issues raised during Public Participation.

Mr. McGrail explained this was put on the agenda for Dave's Upholstery, but they can discuss other issues if needed.

Mr. Traver felt the Triple Play Sports Bar's driveway exit is a tough traffic area. A brief discussion ensued.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION: (Mr. Migliarese, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to send a letter to Ralph DelBuono and Tom Daddona supporting their remodeling and opening of the Triple Play Sports Bar.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. November Meeting

Mr. McGrail reported the November meeting will be a Joint Meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission (this is a change from the previous schedule of December, 2009).

**8. Old and Unfinished Business**

- A. Update – Meet and Greet

Mr. Seacrist reported he requested October 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> and is waiting to hear back from Donna Bonasera of the Connecticut Dance Theater.

- B. Route 8 Signage

Mr. McGrail reported the signage is done. It was part of the override of the Governor's veto. We don't know when it's going up, but it is done. We've been talking about this for about 5 years.

- C. Update on Sealy Property

A lengthy discussed ensued regarding this issue.

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MOTION: (Mr. Migliarese, sec. Mr. Traver) to send a letter to Sealy Corporation indicating the Economic Development Commissions' concern for the poor condition of the building.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Wood Chip Energy Plant

Mr. Traver reported there is nothing to report. We have to wait until the next session. A brief discussion ensued.

E. Risdon Corporation

Mr. McGrail reported he's pretty sure Risdon is done, out of business.

**9. Adjournment**

MOTION: (Mr. Migliarese, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McGrail, Chairman  
Watertown Economic Development Commission

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk