

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT 10/15/09

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- 1. Talked to Robert Santamaria concerning the sale of his property on Linkfield Road**
- 2. Worked to put the owner of Planter's Choice wholesale nursery on Bunker Hill Road in contact with Stu Young concerning the possible lease/purchase of 20 acres for perennials on Young's farm. A large portion of the original Young's farm was put into a farm land trust, and cannot be sold, but there is still some available approximately 16 acres, not in the trust, which can be sold**
- 3. Upon the request of the Economic Development Commission Sent letters of support to the new owners of the Triple Play Restaurant, and Dave's upholstery.**
- 4. Met once again with Julie Kalinowski, co-owner of Dave's upholstery concerning the potential concerns she had with the water and sewer departments. Put her in touch with Paul Rinaldi, who is on the Water and Sewer Board, who was very helpful to her.**
- 5. Talked with the owners of a local custom cabinet maker concerning possible SBA loans for them to expand their current business. They seek to purchase the assets of another high technology cabinet maker company in Meriden and merge it into their Watertown location. They currently are located in the Pin Shop.**
- 6. Drove the videographer from CGI Communications to more than 20 different locations in Watertown and Oakville regarding shooting video for the Town of Watertown. He was able to shoot more than two hours of video, of which 6 minutes will be finally used. I will be working with CGI to see if we can obtain the "raw" footage not used in the final product, since there were lots of attractive shots of the area which will never be used by CGI.**
- 7. Spoke with the Director of Porter and Chester Business Schools concerning their goals and business plans and their plans for continued development in Oakville. They currently occupy four buildings and might be seeking additional locations in the future.**
- 8. Spoke with June Legge, the Athletic Director for the Watertown High School concerning the acquisition of stock footage of actual athletic games for the CGI video's. She was very helpful.**

- 9. Met with Chuck Frigon, Carol Roman, and Roy Cavanaugh and one consultant concerning the preparation of the grant proposal for the \$89,000 block grant from the Federal Stimulus program for Watertown. We have an interview with another possible consulting candidate in the near future.**
- 10. worked with CGI to prepare final versions of the scripts for the Watertown videos.**
- 11. Spoke with Dave Theroux of Drubner concerning the possible relocation of Sarraco HVAC contractors from Naugatuck to Watertown. He has available the 35,000 sf of space they might need to expand.**