

MINUTES

WATERTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL ANNEX
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Suzanne Church
Norman Marcoux
Joseph McGrail, Chairman
Donato Orsini
Jack Traver, Vice Chairman

ABSENT: Carmine DiPietro
Theodore Migliarese, Secretary

ALTERNATES PRESENT: John Manno
Patricia Pawlak

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Seacrist, Economic Development Coordinator

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

Mr. McGrail, Chairman, Called the Meeting to Order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. McGrail, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

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

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

3. Public Participation

None

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4. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – September 18, 2008

MOTION: (Mr. Traver, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2008 as amended.

Discussion: None

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 regarding language concerning Route 262 Zoning Change

Mr. McGrail reported everyone knows the outcome of this zone change, it was approved. The town Council is being asked to investigate the proceedings. Notice was given that a lawsuit might be filed by David Minnich.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION: (Mr. Traver, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to add Agenda Item 7B, Meeting Schedule for 2009.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Meeting Schedule for 2009

Mr. McGrail reported the meeting schedule will remain the third Thursday of every month for the year 2009.

MOTION: (Mr. Traver, sec. Mr. Marcoux) to approve the meeting schedule for 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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8. Old and Unfinished Business

A. Business Initiatives

Already discussed under New Business.

B. Griffin School Update

Mr. McGrail reported the decision to change the zone or use of this site will occur in 2009. Everyone is pulling back right now. A brief discussion ensued.

C. Connecticut Main Street Update

Mr. Seacrist reported he spoke to Mr. Frigon regarding what can be done about the downtown area. Mr. Frigon stated he hoped to use the STEAP Grant for the greenway project next year, which would run from Steele Brook to Crestbrook Park, straight through town. That could also help develop the downtown area. A lengthy discussion ensued.

D. Monthly News Article related to E.D.C. Efforts

Not discussed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Ms. Pawlak, sec. Mr. Traver) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McGrail, Chairman
Watertown Economic Development Commission

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk