



MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

HEMINWAY MUNICIPAL CENTER
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011, 7:30 PM

Members Present: Suzanne Church
John Manno
Joseph McGrail, Chairman
Theodore Migliarese, Secretary
Nancy Rahuba
Jack Traver
Jack Walton

Absent:

Alternates Present: Donato Orsini
Charles Rowan

Alternatives Absent:

Others Present: Joseph Seacrist, Economic Development Coordinator

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Mr. McGrail, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call executed

3. Public Participation

Franklin Pilicy

Attorney Pilicy asked the EDC to support three projects change of zoning for two properties on Straits Turnpike, and one on Commercial Street. Asked that we all support changing all of Commercial Street to BSC from Industrial.

4. Minutes – July 21, 2011

MOTION: (Nancy Rahuba sec. John Manno) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2011 with correction.

Discussion: On page 2 name typed in error from John to Jack Traver.

Aye: 7
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

(Jack Traver sec. Suzanne Church) to amend the agenda to add #8B for discussion of the 3 public hearings taking place on September 7th, the Litchfield Bank Project, The Shakers Project, & the Zone change for Commercial St.

Aye: 7
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

(Jack Traver sec. Nancy Rahuba) move to item B under new business before the Economic Development Coordinator's Report.

Aye: 7
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

5. Correspondence - none

6. Economic Development Coordinator's Report

Distributed at meeting and posted on web.

7. Old and Unfinished Business

- a.) **Update on Construction Debris facility** – activity has been seen on property and will check with Ruth Mulcahy on status.
- b.) **Update on CVS proposal** – Planning & Zoning approved the application.
- c.) **Update on Litchfield Bancorp relocation** – already done
- d.) **Update on Blight Ordinance** – no update

e.) Update on Medical Complex on Buckingham St. – the courts have requested briefs from both sides.

f.) Utilization study of building with industrial park – Fall project

Mr. McGrail stated this is a good endeavor and to check on how much space is in the industrial park. Discussion on the possibility of subdividing large buildings for utilization.

g.) 2011/12 Speakers or Informational Sessions

Mr. McGrail asked the commission if they had suggestions on speakers to let him know.

h.) 2011/12 Meet and Greet – Fall or Spring

Mr. Grail said it is a community event with low cost which helps support local businesses and it would be worth while to do. Discussions on possible locations for event.

8. New Business

a. EDC attendance at P & Z hearing related to CVS

b. Litchfield Bank Project

(Ted Migliarese sec. John Manno) to send a letter of support for Litchfield Bank Proposal.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

c. The Shakers Project

(Nancy Rahuba sec. Jack Traver) to send a letter of support for the Shaker Project on Straits Turnpike.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

d. Zone Change for Commercial Street

(Nancy Rahuba sec. John Manno) to table until next meeting.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

8. Adjournment

Motion: (Ted Migliarese sec. John Manno) to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph McGrail, Chairman