

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT 11/17/2011**

**Submitted by: Joe Seacrist**

- 1. Attended the latest meeting of the Oakville businesspeople who were directly effected by hurricane Irene and the ensuing rainstorm. The state had scheduled a meeting to discuss possible disaster help, but it was subsequently cancelled. The Town Manager, the Town Engineer and representatives from Congressman Murphy's office were present for the first meeting.**
- 2. The Town Manager has asked me to arrange a meeting between representatives of the state Department of Economic and Community Development and the business owners in the effected flood areas. The purpose is to see if the state can provide any assistance in re-locating current buildings from close to Steele Brook to closer to Main Street.**
- 3. Spoke with a commercial real estate broker who has a client who has shown real interest in the Sealy property. Details have to be worked out. The broker has asked me to keep details confidential for now.**
- 4. The Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals met last night to review a number of variances necessary for the completion of the CVS project at the corner of Davis and Main Streets in Oakville.**
- 5. The owners of Dave's upholstery have purchased that property as well as the one the previously owned which adjoins it. This will give them ownership of the entire corner across from the proposed new CVS. They will be prepared in the Spring to appear before the EDC to present theirs plans for the entire parcel.**
- 6. Pro-Mar corporation is asking for a zoning change in order to build a self-storage facility in the business park on a portion of the six acres they own next door to the 400 Park Road building. I have invited them to appear before this commission and seek your approval of their project.**
- 7. Reviewed several site locations sought by CERC's site finder program, but none of them were suitable for locations in Watertown.**

- 8. Spoke with Mr. Ed Mone, First Selectman of Thomaston, to answer his questions concerning the town's plan to use CGI Corporation for their web-site. This is the same company with whom Watertown worked to get the tour of Watertown on our web-site.**
- 9. Can't get Mr. Chad Melvin of LHP Hospital Group to return phone calls concerning the possible re-location of the Waterbury and St. Mary's hospitals to our business park. Will continue to try to reach him.**
- 10. Continue to work with Armando Paeolino who represents a Waterbury private bus company to see if there is a possibility of sharing some of the proposed State of CT bus barn on Frost Bridge road with his company. He picked up a copy of the site plans for the proposed depot from me.**
- 11. Spoke with a local businessman concerning his desire to re-locate his theatrical production company from Knight Street to another location within the Town. He was concerned about the continued flooding issues.**
- 12. Had discussions with the CT Small Business Council, which is part of the Waterbury Development Corporation concerning a client of theirs who is looking for 30K to 50K sf. for light manufacturing. The issue is they are looking for 24 foot ceilings, which none of our available properties have.**