

Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2009

Present: Steven Santino
Charles Ambulos
Richard Gada
Camille Alberti
John Jensen

A. Preliminary Business

1. Call to Order. Chairman Santino called the June 14, 2009 Economic Development Commission Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes. Chairman Santino asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Gada moved to approve the June 9, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Commission, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Alberti. Mr. Gada and Mr. Santino abstained from voting. (3-0-2) Motion carried.

Mr. Santino asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the June 23, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION: Ms. Alberti moved to approve the June 23, 2009, Special Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Commission, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gada. Mr. Gada abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

3. Delegations. There were no delegations.

4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

B. Reports

1. Ex-officio Report. There was no ex-officio report.

2. Chairman's Report. There was no Chairman's Report.

3. Presentation of Bills. There were no bills presented for payment.

C. Old Business

1. Roles and Responsibilities. Ms. Alberti presented the Commission with copies of revised Roles and Responsibilities for review. Under item 7 the following members will be liaison: Ms. Alberti for Planning, Mr. Ambulos for Zoning, Mr. Gada for the Board of Finance, Mr. Shapiro will be asked to be liaison for the Board of Education and Mr. Santino for POCD and Charter Revision. Mr. Shapiro will be asked to be responsible for the RFP for the link on the town website. Ms. Alberti agreed to be the New Business Development Coordinator. Mr. Santino agreed to be in contact with the First Selectman's Office.

D. New Business

1. Niantic Revitalization. Ms. Alberti reported she attended a seminar on June 15 on what retailers can do in a bad economy. She suggested inviting Kent Burnes and the downtown merchants to a future meeting of this Commission. It was suggested at the seminar that retailers have collective hours. She asked that Commission members consider ways to encourage residents to buy locally. Mr. Santino felt it was important to beautify the Town and make it more attractive. Mr. Gada felt the Town needs to establish well lit parking and have restroom facilities available. Mr. Santino agreed to discuss this with Mr. Formica.

2. Open Discussion. It was felt that the August Economic Development Commission meeting can be cancelled. A Special Meeting will be scheduled if one is needed prior to the September 8 Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Gada moved to cancel the August 11, 2009 Meeting the Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Mr. Jensen. (5-0) Unanimous.

E. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Gada moved to adjourn the July 14, 2009, Economic Development Commission Regular Meeting at 8 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Jensen. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri
Recording Secretary