

## **TOWN OF OXFORD**

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

#### TOWN HALL

# OXFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

#### MINUTES OF MEETING:

**NONE** 

- 1 CALL TO ORDER:
- 2 AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS
- 3 REVIEW AND ACCEPYANCE OF MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16,2013 MINUTES REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED.
- 4 SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

  TREASURER REVIEWED MONTHLY EXPENSE REPORT FROM

  FINANCIAL OFFICE. FOUND UP TO DATE.
- 5 DIRECTORS REPORT

  DISCUSSION OF REPORT WITH DIRECTOR AND ATTENDING

  MEMBERS.
- 6 ADJOURNMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING September 16, 2013 Oxford TOWN HALL.

Time: 7.00PM.

Director's Report.

We have had quite a bit of good news since last we met

First on August 12 th. the Governor signed the Declaration making The economic zone

The Airport Development Zone [ADZ] to commence immediately

A copy of this Declaration is enclosed. It is pretty much self explanatory.

The Governor was at the airport yesterday for the kick off press conference.

Secondly, Masonic Care, Assisted Living facility on Riggs St. has been signed, sealed and delivered by the Masonic Headquarters and the developer will be announcing a start date in the next few weeks. He is waiting for a final permit from Oxford.[Adding some 200 plus jobs to Oxford plus those who will service the facility]

Next, We getting closer every day to a final announcement on Haynes Oxford Town Ctr. and the hundreds and hundreds of jobs it will bring to Oxford. Especially the young people of our Town. The supermarket will be the hub of the Center.

Billy Griffin is finally doing something with his property on West St. and 67. He has leveled the blithe home the were eye sore on the property and will clear it and will level the lot for sale or development.

I know you have probably noticed that Fred De Mico is "slowly" working to rebuild his eye sores on 67.

Keep it going Fred.

Reliable Excavating with property in Tower Industrial Park off Wallenbrock has announced that he willm be building 3 new building on his property to augment the Farrel Bldg,. and the Classic Coach Bldg. The first building will contemplated at 10,000 s/f propsed second @ 16,000s/f and third @ 17,000s/f. River Bend / Technology Park has cleaned up its frontage w/\$150,000 of black to[p and new shrubs. New Brochures within 2 days of ADZ announcement.

Oxford House is well under way and nearing inside completion. Going to be a fun place to spend time.

Dr. D'Sousa's property will be starting any day . One 16,000s/f bldg to begin with additional buildings to come.

#### Updates:

- a] RBC's 28,000 s/f bldg addition well underway at Wiellanbrock.will be complete in Sept / Oct. Looks like Oct !ST.
- b] Mark O has cut down trees on property he purchased at Christian and Hawley Rd Great piece of property], 9 lots available. Clients waiting on ADZ. Interest on 1 lot for 60,000s/f Building. Keep you informed.
- c] Lot 10 has been sold by Town to Mark O for \$350,000 after Claris Const. begged off.
- d] Oxford has few approachable bldgs available for immediate occupancy other than

  Dave Sippin's 8 and 16 thousand s/f rentals at 353 Christian St. He won't sub-divide

  The 8,000s/f has been leased..

The Collins Box co. bldg. 15,000 s/f is now on market for purchase and or buy/lease.

The lack of space in the industrial zone remains the same. Still on market.

I am aggressively going after DECD. and Ron Angelo DECD's Governors appointed DECD member in charge of the Amazon move to Ct. with 1,000,000 s/f. of space and some 1000 good paying jobs. After a number of conversations with Catherine Smith and Ron Angelo at DECD, I was advised that Oxford was in the "hopper". Catherine advised me that because of my stick-to-itiveness on behalf of Oxford and

my passion for the growth of Oxford as well as all the positives offered with an Oxford location. Catherine must dream of all the good things Oxford offers future development. Catherine has been out sick with a pancreatic problem.

I'll keep the Commission informed of outcome. I hear nothing new on this situation.

As usual Hartford moving at a snales pace. Will keep you informed.

Still in the "hopper" We'll see! This project has seemed to disappear of the screen.

No one seems to know anything about it. Maybe too much tax dollars needed in this economy. Nothing new on this from anyone State or Amazon!

- f) Oxford Greens has broken ground on FAIRVIEW, the new 2 and 3 plex condos

  One bldg. complete and living in. Three more with foundations in. Project moving right
  along. They have sold 14 units so far. Good tax Mon ey!
- g}The Hurley Group out of New Haven has purchased 2 lots on Morse Rd. and will commence breaking ground in the very near future. They have also taken options on the 2 remaining sites on Morse Rd for future development. No permits yet.
- h) We have a number of inquiries into the electric plant site. George is looking into these inquires. CPV current owners of property have told George that they will start the project before Jan 1,2014. We'll see.

- i) PEACH WAY has opened to great fan fare from those who enjoy their many flavors of non fat yogurt and all the topping. Go luck to Lisa & Joe.Located on 67 across from Fritz's.
- J] A Dance studio and children's work out place has opened next Peach Way.

  Good for Peach Way as well.
- k] whether you agree with Obama or not, his EPA plans to close coal electric generating plants and be a boom Oxford and our proposed gas driven turbine plant to be built in Woodruff Hills. This talk moves the plant forward.

I]Our Economic Development commission backed "Oxford Got Jobs" web site went on line this week. I have visited with many of our industrial and commercial tax payers in Town, who seem to really like the idea. I'll keep you informed as time goes on. So far so good. We have had jobs registered so all have been filled either thru the web or companies themselves.

To the Commission, The opposition party running against George Temple seems to have made Economic Development there target for this election.

Let me just say I treat everyone who inquires about economic development in Oxford the same. I was judge whether an inquiry comes from a Republican, Democrat or Independent.

Also in no way did I and my wife take a junket to Europe on Town money. We have had a vacation home in Ireland for the last 16 years that we vacation at every year.

Any monies spent there promoting Oxford was at my own expense. This statement of there is libelous. Just wanted to give you all a heads up on what is going on politically here in Oxford.

Andrew McGeever—Director, ED.

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