

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Oxford Town Hall
Wednesday, September 26, 2012 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

-Members present:

Peter Costabile
Robert Saracino (Chairman)
Ed Carver, Seated Alternate
Eric Tichy
August Palmer III
John Kozloski
Welcome New Member, Daniel Wall

-Members Absent: Joseph Andreana

-Others present:

Andrew McGeever, Economic Development Director

II. Audience of Citizens

No audience of citizens was present.

III. Review and Acceptance of Regular Meeting Minutes of 7-17-2012

Motion to accept minutes by Mr. Costabile, seconded by Mr. Wall; there was discussion on the role and term of replacement Commissioners. Mr. Saracino will follow-up to clarify who is in what role and what term or portion of term they may have. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer/Secretary's Report –Tabled; it was noted by Mr. McGeever that he will most likely be approaching the Commission to request funds for a demographic/traffic study for a potential food store on Route 67.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee Updates

- Marketing: Discussion of the upcoming Residents' Forum scheduled for Thursday, October 11. State Representatives Labriola and Kane and both are available to attend and present as is State Senatorial Candidate, Mr. James Gambardella. We discussed the usual structure and roles of the Director and the Commissioners; all agreed and understood. First Selectman, Mr. George Temple has agreed to greet and welcome the assembly; promotions and notices are in place in major, local publications
- Newsletter-Tabled

- Database: Tabled; there was discussion about the web site and updating it bi-weekly as well as the inclusion of job listings as well as linking it to other publications such as the Oxford Patch. The Commission had previously voted in favor of such updates and authorized the Director to make such updates and arrangements
- Oxford Business Corporation Update –Tabled
- Foreign Trade Zone-No current developments
- Economic Development Director's Report –Mr. McGeever distributed the Town's Annual Report for 2011-12 which includes a section on Economic Development and that he plans to make available at the Residents' Forum.
 - He described preliminary plans for the Kersky property on Riggs street which detail a potential for 84 home and 250 apartments for a 55+ community.
 - Mr. McGeever provided background on a high speed train project that may affect the area with stops in Danbury and Waterbury; the project is in the study phase.
 - The Airport Hangar Project is a go and Claris Construction will be spearheading the building.
 - Gem Corp is moved in to their new Fox Hollow building and held an open house; CED is similarly operational in their Fox Hollow building
 - Interest has been shown in Woodruff Hill Lots 1,3,5 & 7 for a boutique, high-end hotel near the airport
 - EEMax site; seeking new developer EEMax moving to Waterbury instead in November citing cost
 - Interest has been expressed in a site on Juliano Dr for a Diner Theatre
 - Villa Sistiami, an Italian dental imaging equipment manufacturer and distributor has agreed to purchase 91 Willenbrock Rd with a goal to move in as soon as possible; potentially as early as October 1, 2012. Offices will initially house sales and distribution for their North American operations.
 - Patriot Park at Hawley and Christian St has just been purchased and prospective occupants are being sourced
- Strategic Plan Review-Tabled; information to be sent for review at Regular October Meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS –None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: Our Recording Clerk, Emily Spear, resigned; we are seeking a new clerk.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Mr. Saracino, seconded by Mr. Palmer; there was no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Signature:

/s/ Robert Saracino
Chairman-OEDC

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