

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL  
131 CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT  
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101 LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

#### I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman James Marocchini  
Commissioner Karen Faust  
Commissioner Stanley Marcinczyk  
Commissioner Mark Mnich  
Commissioner David Marsden  
Commissioner Gregory Polk  
Commissioner Fernando Rosa (excused)  
Commissioner Paul Vessella  
Commissioner Linda Woods (excused)

Also present:

Economic Development Director  
Andrew Brecher

#### II. MEETING MINUTES January 2, 2013

Development Director Brecher corrected under A. Directory Signage .."that there are four sign vendors servicing the town, one of whom is Bianca Signs and the town would typically purchase these from Bianca Signs because they provided the budget pricing" Also, under EDC Districts, Director Brecher reported that Thad Dymkowski from the Town GIS office is on paternity leave, and "Additionally, a low intensity development grant has been offered and presented to the Town Council. The town planner and town engineer are considering a demonstration project that would likely involve parking lots rather than buildings." Again, Mr. Brecher referred to businesses with the capability to create their own energy with "fuel cells".  
With these corrections, Commissioner Vessella made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Shields.

#### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Commissioner Shields pointed out that typically the date of the breakfast was he the Friday before Memorial Day which would be May 24, 2013, 7:30AM - 9AM at the Indian Hill Country Club with sponsors, thus cutting the costs of this breakfast. Commissioner Marsden suggested inviting members of the local banks. Also, Director Brecher pointed to real estate and insurance agents as guests, possibly creating a business roundtable including a unique speaker, such as Toll Brothers. Development Director Brecher will attach a list of potential invited guests to this month's meeting minutes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE FOR CONSTITUTION SQUARE/MARKET SQUARE

Development Director Brecher has met with the Town Engineer confirming that funds were approved by the Town Council and now only the "i's have to be dotted and t's crossed". Commissioner Marcinczyk encouraged the refurbishing of older state owned signage in town such as the one at the crossroads of Willard and Cedar Streets.

B. EDC DISTRICTS

Chairman Marocchini noted that all members have received their assigned maps in the mail. Development Director Brecher distributed a prepared letter of introduction to all of the members and encouraged activity and input at meetings. Even though there is a business listing prepared by the Lucy Robbins Library staff, Commissioner Faust suggested an excel inventory would also be valuable. Chairman Marocchini encouraged the commissioners to watch for vacancies or interesting sites, informing Director Brecher on his cell phone at 860-485-4433.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brecher has followed up on the plowing of snow at Market Square by checking with the Highway Department and each business is responsible for the sidewalks and aprons in front of cross walks. Also, if there is 6" or more of snow and it builds up, the town highway pitches in and will remove excess snow but primarily the solution lies with the downtown merchants. Chairman Marocchini reminded members that the town ordinance states 24 hours following a snow storm, the snow has to be cleared.

Director Brecher announced that the application for funding has been submitted to clean the asbestos contamination at the National Welding site and he was present at a meeting February 1, 2013 along with the Town Manager Salamone and Mayor Steve Woods. Director Brecher noted that there are currently two developers interested in the National Welding site and that he is aiming to receive the full amount of funding for this project.

Director Brecher indicated that the Shuco building is for sale, not only here in Newington, but at its world-wide facilities.

The State of the Town breakfast will be held at the Newington High School February 7, 2013 at 7:45 AM.

VIII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shields announced that Arburg Incorporated is looking to relocate and Development Director Brecher noted that Beacon Industries is moving to Bloomfield. Director Brecher has contacted the owners of the property which consists of 37 acres noting environmental problems have to be remediated before it can be suitable for occupancy.

Commissioner Shields inquired as to the possibility of realigning Alumni Road and Maple Hill Avenue. Director Brecher commented that the State DOT would have to offer input into this project.

Commissioner Polk announced that there are two properties for sale on Kitts Lane.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Polk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sophie Glenn  
Recording Secretary