

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM THREE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010
7:00 P.M.

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS
COMMISSIONER THOMAS BOWEN
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK
COMMISSIONER DAVID MARSDEN – Alternate
COMMISSIONER GREG POLK
COMMISSIONER MARY NIRO
COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA – Alternate
COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL GERHART
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LONGO

ALSO PRESENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
TOWN PLANNER, EDMUND MEEHAN

II. MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting and Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. COSTELLO ROAD AND BUDNEY ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGNS

Mr. Meehan reported that Footprints approached the Town to install a directory sign at the corner of Costello Road and the Berlin Turnpike, on the south side with the cost estimated at \$6,000.00. (see attached concept designs) If the EDC approves this concept, then a formal application will be made to the TPZ and the Town Council for acceptance. Other businesses can be added for cost-sharing this project.

Commissioner Rosa made a motion that the Economic Development Commission approves the concept of a shared public-private directory sign for the Costello Road Industrial Park area. Commissioner Polk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Commissioner Woods reported that Connecticut Beverage and Savers are very busy and business is booming.

Commissioner Polk noted that property owners in the downtown district are very much in favor of the new Irish restaurant, Finn Brica, coming into Main Street in November.

Chairman Shields reported that the Farmer's Market is still selling its produce which will close at the end of October.

B. STATUS OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I AND II

Mr. Meehan reported that the project is now winding down with the need to correct a couple of drainage areas, line painting to be completed, securing benches and trash bins, landscaping, signage, drainage of puddling, etc. There is also a 20'x15' concrete pad for future use to be determined.

C. STATUS OF MARKET SQUARE STREETScape PROJECT

Mr. Meehan stated the Downtown Revitalization Committee met on October 6, 2010 with the consultant and they will meet again on October 18, 2010. There is the possibility of receiving more STEAP money, approximately \$200,000.00. Angle parking is one of the concepts being considered along with wider sidewalks to encourage more pedestrians frequenting the downtown shopping area. Other design concepts are one way traffic eastbound, a combination of angle parking on the south side and parallel parking along the north side.

D. BUDNEY ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK COVENANTS TOWN COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Chairman Shields reported that the Town council took action on September 28, 2010. Mr. Meehan added that the Town Council supported this body's recommendation to release the Budney Road Park covenants. The next step is for the Town Manager and Town Attorney to file releases on the land records.

E. NATIONAL WELDING PROPERTY

Mr. Meehan reported that the Town did not receive the \$1.3 million brownfield grant, however, we are still looking for other sources to get the funding, such as EPA money or Small Cities money.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rose Lyons voiced concern regarding Constitution Square having no gazebo, and the need for the maintenance of the sidewalks and improving the signage.

VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marsden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Glenn
Recording Secretary