

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT  
CONFERENCE ROOM THREE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS  
COMMISSIONER THOMAS BOWEN  
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK (ALTERNATE)  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL GERHART  
COMMIMSSIONER MICHAEL LONGO  
COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI  
COMMIMSSIONER MARY NIRO  
COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA (ALTERNATE)

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER DAVID MARSDEN  
COMMISSIONER GREG POLK  
COMMISSIONER DANA WOODS

ALSO PRESENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
TOWN PLANNER, EDMUND MEEHAN

II. MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Commissioner Marocchini made a motion to accept the November 3, 2010 minutes and Commissioner Gerhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. ELECTION OF OFICERS 2011

A. Commissioner Niro nominated Thomas Shields as Chairman of the Development Commission for the 2011 term. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bowen nominated Greg Polk as Vice Chairman of the Development Commission for the 2011 term. Commissioner Gerhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bowen nominated Michael Gerhart as Secretary of the Development Commission for the 2011 term. Commissioner Marochinni seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Setting 2011 Commission Meeting Dates

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 is the next meeting date followed by the regular monthly Wednesday meeting, excluding July and August, as Commissioner Bowen made a motion to accept this 2011 Economic Development calendar seconded by Commissioner Niro. The motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Costello Road Business Sign

Mr. Meehan reported that he had met with Scott Cohen and his associate of Footprints and they agreed to the new location of the sign, as a drawing/map was passed around. Mr. Meehan also conferred with the owners of the abutting Goodwill property who were not agreeable to this sign showing concern that it would block their Good will sign. Mr. Meehan will try to meet with the Goodwill property owners again, emphasizing the safety issue of installing proper signage.

#### D. National Welding site

Chairman Shields commented that the new state administration is pushing to having brown fields recycled into taxable property, which would have a bearing on the National Welding site. Commissioner Bowen also noted his concern regarding the heavy traffic issue where Route 9 empties onto East Cedar Street. The commissioners agreed this was a growing problem. Mr. Meehan also pointed out that Hayes Kaufman, the State of Connecticut and the Town of Newington have a draft memorandum of understanding to develop this property with a Town CIP commitment of \$450,000.00. However, should the busway plan fall apart then the marketability of the 3-1/2 acre welding site is questionable.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Report of Commissioner Business Districts

Commissioner Gerhart expressed concern regarding the decision of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission to not renewing the outdoor vendor's license at Pane and Maselli Roads. Mr. Meehan explained the administrative guidelines that emanated from the Town Manager's office began in 1992 which established 10 sites in industrial parks for the food vendors. Mr. Meehan also noted that the TPZ has no jurisdiction over the town streets – the Police Department as designated by Town ordinance has the responsibility of assigning street vendor permits.

B. STATUS OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,  
PHASES 1 AND 11

Mr. Meehan reported that all of the work has been completed and the only thing pending are closeouts as built plans, lien waivers and certificate of warranty's and then the state reimbursements will be requested, otherwise everything is in good shape.

C. STATUS OF MARKET SQUARE STREETScape PROJECT

Chairman Shields announced that there will be two way traffic and a design to widen sidewalks by 3 ft on each side is being prepared. Mr. Meehan added that the engineers have to work on the bricks, paving and lighting with an estimated cost set at approximately 1.1-1.2 million.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shields noted that the new restaurant on Main Street has been completely gutted and renovated with the opening date being temporarily postponed.

A new business, Liberty Bank, is being built on Main Street.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marocchini seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Glenn  
Recording Secretary