

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL  
131 CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT  
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101 LOWER LEVEL TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

#### I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman James Marocchini  
Commissioner Mark Mnich  
Commissioner Gregory Polk  
Commissioner Fernando Rosa  
Commissioner Thomas Shields  
Commissioner Linda Woods

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Paul Vesella (excused)  
Commissioner David Marsden

Also in attendance:

Town Planner  
Craig M. Minor, AICP

#### II. MEETING MINUTES - April 4, 2012

Commissioner Rosa made a motion to accept the April 4, 2012 minutes and Commissioner Polk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Marocchini introduced the newly appointed Town Planner, Craig M. Minor, AICP.

Chairman Marocchini announced that there will be funding available to complete the signage for Market Square and Constitution Plaza. Commissioner Polk volunteered to be the Downtown Business liaison to report progress on this project to the Economic Development Commission.

Commissioner Shields announced that Beacon Industries an aerospace industry, plans to move from Bloomfield to Cedar Street along with 169 employees, and eventually hiring 60 more employees.

Commissioner Shields also announced that a State organized bipartisan committee initiated a manufacturer's caucus to study gaining potential brownfield funding, and this packet was presented to Town Planner, Craig C. Minor, AICP.  
Commissioner Shields also stated that there may be funding available under the Office of Policy and Management's Urban Act.

Commissioner Shields suggested that hiring a consultant to specifically study gaining a brownfield grant could work favorably toward completion of this project.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Market Square Streetscape

Chairman Marocchini reported that the Market Square Streetscape project has experienced a delay in the delivery of pavers, thus postponing the May 15, 2012 deadline.

### B. Discussion of Newington Business Breakfast - June 8, 2012

Chairman Marocchini passed out the "Fifth Annual Newington is Open for Business" invitation to commission members with an attached guest list, to whom invitations will be mailed, including members of the Downtown Business Association and members of the Town Council, etc., with Catherine Smith, EDEC State Commissioner of Economic Development as honored guest and speaker.

## VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Simons, Market Square merchant, noted that the pavers were delivered today in order to complete the Market Square Streetscape project.

Rose Lyons again voiced her concern regarding the sandwich board signs tacked on Market Square poles, for which a permit could be applied for once a year; resolving this ongoing problem.

## VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Polk meets regularly with the Downtown Business Association in order to resolve any issues, such as the one presented by Miss Lyons. .

Commissioner Polk also reminded members that the annual Chamber of Commerce sponsored car show will be held on June 14, 2012.

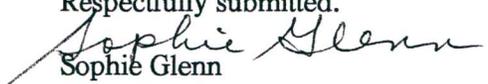
Commissioner Polk invited all members to attend the first annual Chamber of Commerce Comedy Night this Saturday, May 5, 2012 at its headquarters on Main Street.

Commissioner Shields noted the need to reassign business districts to new members of this commission.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shields made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rosa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Sophie Glenn  
Recording Secretary