

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM ONE
WEDNESDAY, MAY4, 2011
7:00 P.M.

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK (ALTERNATE)
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL GERHART
COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI
COMMISSIONER DAVID MARSDEN
COMMISSIONER GREG POLK
COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA
COMMISSIONER DANA WOODS

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LONGO
COMMISSIONER MARSDEN
COMMISSIONER THOMAS BOWEN

ALSO PRESENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
TOWN PLANNER, EDMUND MEEHAN

II. MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 4, 2011

Commissioner Polk made a motion to accept the April 4, 2011 minutes and
Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION NEWINGTON BUSINESS BREAKFAST MAY 26, 2011

The Fourth Annual "Newington is Open for Business" breakfast flyer was distributed and everyone encouraged to attend with guest speaker State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier and Town Mayor Mike Lenares.

B. 151 ROCKEWLL ROAD NEWINGTON INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPOSED
9,375 SQUARE FEET ADDITION

Mr. Meehan reported that Hudson Home Health Care is enlarging its business with a 9,375 addition, a much needed warehouse. This project was approved by Commissioner Rosa and seconded by Commissioner Gerhart. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 16 ROCKWELL ROAD – NEWINGTON INDUSTRIAL PARK- REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF PERMITTED USE, SUNSHINE LAUNDRY COMPANY

Mr. Meehan reported a commercial laundry company, Sunshine Laundry is considering location at Rockwell and Pane Roads has requested confirmation for permitted use of this business. This request was approved by Commissioner Rosa and seconded by Commissioner Polk. The motion passed unanimously.

D. NEW HAVEN-HARTFORD SPRINGFIELD RAIL PROJECT SCOPE, PHASING AND FUNDING

Mr. Shields reported that this project with an initial funding of \$40 million will add a double track between Meriden and Newington by 2014. A longer Phase IV (2016) could provide approximately 200 parking spots at the Newington junction. Mr. Meehan added that an environmental impact statement will be released on August 8, 2011 and Phase I will include resolving culvert and storm drainage problems and Mr. Meehan pointed to a long-range 15-20 year project.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Commissioner Polk reported that Finn B'Que is awaiting the outside liquor permit in order to hold its festivities.

B. STATUS MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASES I AND II

Mr. Meehan noted that the parking lot concrete curbing has been repaired. Also, the Town will do the mowing, and pending are the warranties, etc., which should be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

C. STATUS MARKET SQUARE STREETScape PROJECT OPTIONS

Mr. Meehan noted that Downtown Revitalization Committee will have 90% of its plans completed on May 16, 2011 awarding bid in June. The project engineer is estimating a 120 day construction period, early November 2011.

D. NATIONAL WELDING PROJECT

Mr. Meehan reported that a wrecking company expressed interest in the building's steel. Chairman Shields added that the State may have funding for brownfield remediation

projects. Mr. Meehan added that by hiring a licensed environmentalist, this project could then be put out to bid.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gerhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Longo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Glenn
Recording Secretary