

NEEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL  
131 CEDAR STREET  
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, ROOM 117  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS  
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK  
COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI  
COMMISSIONER DAVID MARSDEN  
COMMISSIONER GREGORY POLK  
COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA  
COMMISSIONER THOMAS BOWEN  
ABSENT  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL GERHART  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LONGO  
COMMISSIONER DANA WOODS

AND, TOWN PLANNER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR,  
ED MEEHAN

II. MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2011

COMMISSIONER MAROCCHINI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MAY 4, 2011 minutes and Commissioner Gerhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMISSIONER SUMMER SCHEDULE

Chairman Shields noted that there may be an August Economic Development Commission meeting called due to the time schedule of the Market Square Streetscape development project; construction scheduled to begin July 15, 2011.

B. MARCAP LLC-CD to r-12 ZONE CHANGE

Chairman Shields spoke about keeping the Marcap LLC-CD site commercial, even though efforts are being made to change it to an R-12 zone. This motion will be

discussed and voted upon by the TPZ. The issue remains that the developer, Toll Brothers, wants this site declared residential. However, the Plan of Conservation and Development pointed to the protection of Cedar Mountain ridge due to heavy traffic and drainage issues, as described by Ed Meehan. Commissioner Bowen gave the example of Eddy Farm where funds were allocated to purchase and save this valuable piece of property and that additionally supporting the TPZ's 20/20 plan that indicates not, in his opinion, changing residential zoning to commercial zoning.

Therefore, Commissioner Bowen made a motion that it is the consensus of the Economic Development Commission to keep Cedar Mountain commercial in conjunction with the TPZ 20/20 plan. Chairman Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one dissension.

#### B. 565 CEDAR STREET – SOUSA CORPORATION

Sousa Corporation has purchased one of the former Atlantic Tool buildings at 565 Cedar Street. Town Planner, Ed Meehan has contacted them regarding potential tax fixing assistance the Town might have to offer.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Town Planner Ed Meehan reported that Plaza Asteka is open for business.

Commissioner Polk reported that Finn Bque's will hold its next outdoor event on June 16, 2011.

Commissioner Bowen commented that Goldburger's on Main Street has received an award for its tasty hamburgers.

Town Planner Ed Meehan announced the Car Show will be held June 9, 2011 and that the Farmer's Market will be held on Thursday evenings this summer.

##### B. STATUS OF MARKET SQUARE STEETScape PROJECT BID SCHEDULE

Ed Meehan reported that the Market Square Streetscape documents in draft form will be advertised Jun 6/7 with the recommended contractor and then presented to the Town Council on June 28<sup>th</sup> with the start of construction to begin on July 15, 2011. The engineers estimate completion by November 14, 2011.

##### C. NATIONAL WELDING PROPERTY

Chairman Shields is confident that bonding for this project will come through, and Ed Meehan will prepare a summary letter explaining the need for funding of \$1,300,000.00. Chairman Shields spoke of bioscientific companies being popular now. Ed Meehan

added that there is the potential for mixed use, residential and offices. Commissioner Bowen suggested that the residents of Newington should be given the opportunity to make the decision such as they are doing with Cedar Mountain.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

VIII. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marochinni seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Glenn  
Recording Secretary