

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101, LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman James Marocchini
Commissioner Karen Faust
Commissioner Stanley Marcinczyk
Commissioner Mark Mnich (excused)
Commissioner Fernando Rosa (excused)
Commissioner Thomas Shields
Commissioner Paul Vessella (excused)
Commissioner Linda Woods
Commissioner David Marsden (excused)
Commissioner Gregory Polk

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 5, 2013

Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting.
Commissioner Marcinczyk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Downtown Signage for Constitution Square/Market Square

Director Andrew Brecher reported that a survey had been accomplished and obtaining an easement at Market Square is close at hand. The Town Attorney, Peter Boorman, is working on it and will meet with Bianca Signs following the approval of the Town's administration officer.

B. Gateway Signage

Commissioner Marcinczyk reported that working collaboratively with Don Woods and his crew, there has already been the removal of a decrepit sign which was located by the Newington Humane Society. On Route 175 a gas station sign could use sprucing up and maintenance of its landscaping. Director Brecher added that the Economic Development Commission acts as an advocacy group to get things done and then this information goes to the Town Council for its approval. This is an ongoing project and will be on next month's agenda.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Chip Stamm, Market Square liaison, pointed out that there are some broken granite sections that need replacement and some stop signs need to be relocated. Additionally, there are no exit signs and business addresses should be displayed, and the old signage removed.

VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Concerning National Welding, Director Brecher has had lots of communication with the developers and the State is covering the oversight of this project very closely. The only problem could be that the State could - time wise - drag out the project.

Best Market is moving unexpectedly slower because the big issue is finding subcontractors who will meet their budget - and timetable. They have set an opening date of November 1, 2013. Meantime, the building's facade has been cleaned up and the parking lot is due to have the application of a top coat.

Director Brecher attended the ribbon cutting opening of Bone Fish.

Sunshine Laundry is progressing and going forward. There has also been clearing and tree cutting at the top of East Cedar Street for the eventual building of an assisted living facility.

Also, with the completion of building the Newington junction project, CROGG will have a study done which would give the TPZ food for thought for future development in this area.

Cosco is moving forward in New Britain and they have submitted information to the TPZ.

The State Traffic Commission is performing a preliminary capacity analysis of Alumni Road and surroundings and will meet with town officials Friday September 13, 2013.

Director Brecher added that the former Appleby edifice could be demolished and an enlarged building erected on the same footprint.

VIII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

A. District Reports
None.

B. Chamber Report

Commissioner Polk announced that there is a dinner and silent auction being planned and more information will be given at the next meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Polk made a motion of adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophie Glenn, Recording Secretary

