

Minutes
Economic Development Commission
Monday, March 7, 2005
Town Council Chambers
909 Foxon Road
7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Call to Order: Chairman Al Clemente called the meeting to order to 7:35 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Al Clemente, Kevin Grant, and John Greening

Members Absent: Dawn Pearson

Ex Officio Members: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager, Councilor Joanne Wentworth, Jim Mahoney, and Brian Miller, CERC

2. Approval of Previous: John Greening made a motion to approve minutes from the February 7, meeting, Kevin Grant seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed and the motion was passed.

3. Economic Development - Staff Report:

Jim Mahoney from CERC give the following highlights:

- Eight (8) more business retention visits were completed this month.
- Sent follow up letters to all businesses visited.
- New Haven CID Meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, March 16. There is a problem with the original location at Canton Racing, working on new location.
- Updated database of real estate contacts.
- Attended February EDC meeting.
- Prepared monthly progress report for February.
- Arranged to meet with Paul McCraven, VP at New Alliance Bank to fund façade program.
- Worked on potential elements of work program for the Route 80 Corridor Study, which will be done by Eileen Buckheit, RGP.
- Brian Miller along with Town Planner, Carol Zebb have been working on a draft which outlines proposed zoning amendments for industrial zones.
- CONNSTEP will have a business breakfast for the Business Community followed by a program for marketing.
- A Representative from the State may attend the April Economic Development meeting to discuss Local Business Visitation.

4. RGP Report:

a. RGP monthly update - Chairperson Al Clemente attended the RGP Board retreat. RGP is working on revolving loan funds for environmental remediation. The town is hoping to get some dollars from State.

b. Special Project status - Town Manager, Karl Kilduff is still working with Eileen Buckheit from RGP on a Route 80 Corridor Study and waiting for a written scope of work.

5. Any Other Items Members May Wish to Discuss: Chairperson Al Clemente questioned status on Business Expo. Town Manager, Karl Kilduff stated that the Chamber of Commerce will take more active role this year.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairperson Al Clemente made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m., Kevin Grant seconded this motion. All were in favor, none opposed and the meeting adjourned.

Gina A. Cox - Secretary

Note: Please call the Town Manager's Office (484-6000) by Monday, 2:00 p.m. if you cannot attend.

Cc: Town Clerk, EDC Members, Mayor Michael Doody, Town Manager Karl F. Kilduff, Town Planner, Carol Zebb, Councilor Joanne Wentworth, Brian Miller, CERC and Jim Mahoney, CERC