

Agenda Minutes
Economic Development Commission
Monday, August 1, 2005
Town Council Chambers
909 Foxon Road
7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Call to Order: Town Manager Karl Kilduff called the meeting to order to 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Grant, Dawn Pearson, Elisabeth Caplan, John Greening

Members Absent: Chairman Al Clemente and Brian Miller, CERC

Ex Officio Members: Councilor Joanne Wentworth Jim Mahoney CERC

2. Approval of Previous: Minutes from June 2, 2005 were approved. Kevin Grant made a motion to approve the minutes, Elisabeth Caplan seconded the motion. The motion were passed.

3. Economic Development - Staff Report:

- Followed up with several companies regarding business visits and space requirements
- Completed 10 new business retention visits
- Sent follow up letter to all businesses visited
- Arranged meeting with representative of Department of Economic & Community Development
- Met with staff of Regional Growth Partnership
- Participated in community meeting for Route 80 Corridor Plan
- Attended CONNSTEP meeting

4. RGP Report:

- a. RGP monthly update: Town Manager attend the regular monthly meeting
- b. Special Project Status: Town Manager has met with sub-committee (residents and town businesses) regarding the Route 80 corridor study.

5. Economic Development Background Information Follow-up: Town Manager, Karl Kilduff spoke about the Economic Development Background information. The information was a brief primer on Economic Development and Concepts. The information was part of a presentation that was given by the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS).

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6. Any Other Items Members May Wish to Discuss - Representative from DECD On State's Economic Development: Richard LoPresti, Director from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Business & Industry Development spoke to the committee. Mr. LoPresti passed out a booklet which contains information regarding, information on Financing Partners, DECD Contacts, and Tax Incentives. Mr. LoPresti also spoke about the State's Visitation Program.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business, Dawn Pearson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 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