

Agenda Minutes
Economic Development Commission
Monday, September 8, 2008
Town Council Chambers
909 Foxon Road
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Call to Order: Chairperson Dawn Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawn Pearson, Vice-Chair Bruce Wentworth, Mary Caruso, Kevin Grant, Joan Tutor and Barbara Fiorillo

Members Absent: Lori Bessinger

Ex Officio Members: Joanne Wentworth and Town Manager, Richard Branigan

Guest: None

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from August 4, 2008 meeting were approved; with one correction, under members absent – Lori Bessinger was not listed. After the change were noted, Kevin Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2008 meeting, seconded by Bruce Wentworth, all were in favor.

3. Façade Program Application:

a. Façade Applications:

- Northford Triangle Association (revised) – 1355 Middletown Avenue - Northford.

Kevin Grant made a motion that Northford Triangle Association application was approved to replace 18 windows on the 2nd floor. The total of the project is \$8,196.00 with the façade program funding \$6,500.00; with owner matching \$1,696.00; seconded by Mary Caruso.

b. Discussion of the Draft – Rewriting the Façade Program Application: Town Manager, Richard Branigan is working the application, will have an updated application at the next regular scheduled meeting.

4. Tax Abatement Application:

a. Application: None

5. **Any Other Items Members Wish to Discuss:**

Beautification Award: Mary Caruso reported that Chamber has agreed that this committee can give out the beautification award at their annual Chamber dinner. The Award will be given to a business in North Branford and a Northford. This committee would like to give to the award to a business that has used the façade improvement program since the beginning of 2008. The committee members will email their choices to chairperson, Dawn Pearson and will be decided at the next regular scheduled meeting. Mary Caruso will check into getting the plaques.

Discussion of the contract between Turner-Miller and Town of North Branford:

Town Manager, Richard Branigan mentioned the contract is on hold at the moment. Town Manager suggested hiring a part-time person for the position, (façade program only has one more year), instead of a paying consultant it may be cheaper for a part-time person and it would save the Town money.

6. **Discussion on the Economic Development:**

a. Components of the Plan of Conservation and Development:

Town Manager, Richard Branigan would like feedback from this committee by September 29. All information/feedback will get email to Chairperson, Dawn Pearson, no later than September 26 and Dawn Pearson will forward all the information to the Town Manager.

7. **Economic Development** – Staff Report: None

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mary Caruso made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Barbara Fiorillo seconded this motion. All were in favor, none opposed and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Gina A. Cox
Secretary