

Agenda Minutes
Economic Development Commission
Monday, February 4, 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 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawn Pearson, Kevin Grant, Bruce Wentworth, Barbara Fiorillo and Joan Tutor, alternate, Brian Miller and Jim Mahoney from Eastern Land Use Analysis

Members Absent: Mary Caruso

Ex Officio Members: Michael T. Paulhus, Interim Town Manager

Guest: Steve Nugent resident of Northford

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from January 7, 2008 meeting were approved; Kevin Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2008 meeting, seconded by Bruce Wentworth, all were in favor.

The 2008 Scheduled Meeting Calendar was approved; Kevin Grant made a motion to approve the 2008 Calendar Meeting, seconded by Bruce Wentworth, all were in favor.

3. Façade Program Application:

a. Proposed Amendment to the Eligible Area; Bruce Wentworth made a motion to approve the language to the amend the area of Eligible Façade Program; seconded by Kevin Grant, all were in favor.

b. Façade Applications: None

c. February 8, 2008 – Façade Program Marketing Meeting: Mailing was sent to local businesses and commercial property owners regarding the February 8th meeting. The meeting will include a presentation regarding the façade program and opportunity for networking between local businesses and contractors. Kevin Grant made a motion to approve holding the Marketing Meeting on February 8th; seconded by Barbara Fiorillo, all were in favor.

4. **Tax Abatement Application:** None
5. **Any Other Items Members Wish to Discuss:**
 - a. Beautification Award – Dawn Pearson made a motion for this to be part of March 3, 2008 agenda to further discuss this program; the motion was seconded by Kevin Grant and approved unanimously.
6. **Presentation on the Economic Development:**
 - a. Components of the Plan of Conservation and Development:
Jim Mahoney and Brian Miller passed out a draft recommendations and economic background related to the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission discussed draft changes to the land use plan aimed at making North Branford more attractive to the commercial industry. Jim Mahoney and Brian Miller has been working with Carol Zebb, Town Planner, Kurt Weiss, Town Engineer and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding these changes. Jim Mahoney and Brian Miller will keep the Economic Development Commission updated on the progress as it happens.
7. **Economic Development – Staff Report:**
 - Organized marketing meeting for façade improvement program.
 - Attended January 2008 Economic Development Commission.
 - Continued to meet with various property owners and tenants regarding Façade Program and Tax Abatement applications.
 - Met with Interim Town Manager concerning transition of duties and status of Economic Development activities.
 - Preliminary work on the preparation of a Request for Proposals for re-use Town Hall site.

Steve Nugent, Resident of Northford was questioning the future of Northford Center. It was suggest that he contact Carol Zebb from Planning & Zoning.
8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kevin Grant made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Barbara Fiorillo seconded this motion. All were in favor, none opposed and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Gina A. Cox
Secretary

