



Economic Development & Improvement Commission (EDIC)

Regular Meeting – Thursday June 11, 2015 – 12:00 Noon
Town Manager's Conference Room, First Floor, Town Hall
MINUTES

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM
2. Attendance and Quorum (6 members required) Mark Trahan - Chairman, Gioia Zack - Vice Chair, Joan Hughes, Dorcas McHugh, Peter O'Keefe, Judy Keane, Leslie Civitello - Chamber of Commerce, John Adamian, Peter Gillespie - Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jeff Bridges - Town Manager and Denise Bradley - Assistant Planner.

Guests present - Marco Pace - Web Designer and Diane McAdams.
3. Old Business
 - a. Vacant Property Updates - Peter Gillespie discussed the status of the following properties:
 - 295 Ridge Road - Came before the Planning & Zoning Commission in May for a Pre Application Review.
 - 1000 Silas Deane Highway - Just recieved the draft agreement from the State. The Town Attorney is reviewing the language and the final agreement will need Town Council approval.
 - 1178 Silas Deane Highway - Met recently with the property owner, stakeholders and several adjacent property owners.
 - 672 Silas Deane Highway - Approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and Building Permits have been obtained.
 - Clearing House Auction Gallery - Under option
 - Silas Robbins Bed & Breakfast - For sale.
 - 860-62 Silas Deane Highway for sale and may seek facade loan funding
 - 500 Silas Deane Highway - Facade work has commenced.
 - 1770 Berlin Turnpike - Pending Pre application review before the Planning & Zoning Commission.
 - b. Grant Project Status
 1. Heritage Walk – HFPG and CT Humanities - Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 AM ceremony for unveiling planned.
 2. Church/Main Street Intersection - The Engineeing Department is working on the bid documents. Targeting a fall completion of the project.
 3. STEAP 2014 – 1000 Silas Deane Highway/Façade Funding - Draft agreement recieved from the State.
4. New Business
 - a. Welcome Wagon - Judy Keane showed the members the proposed materials to distribute. Gioia Zack made a motion to approve funding for the Welcome Wagon. Dorcas McHugh seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
 - b. Community Photo Contest - The Tourism Commission is gearing up to issue the 5th Annual Photo Contest.
 - c. Salute To Business - A Marketing meeting will be called to discuss the details of the December 9th event.
5. Other Business - There was no other business to report.

