



## Economic Development & Improvement Commission (EDIC)

Regular Meeting – Thursday October 8, 2015 – 12:00 Noon  
Town Manager's Conference Room, First Floor, Town Hall  
AGENDA

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM
2. Attendance and Quorum (6 members required) - Gioia Zack - Vice Chair, Ken Rizzio, Mirella D'Antonio, Dan Silver, Judy Keane, Peter O'Keefe, John Adamian, Tony Martino - Town Council, Leslie Civitello - Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Bridges - Town Manager and Denise Bradley - Assistant Planner.
3. Old Business
  - a. Vacant Property Updates - Peter Gillespie reported on the following properties:
    - 1000 Silas Deane Highway - Working to get demolition agreement executed. Meeting with interested party.
    - 1178 Silas Deane Highway - Potential assemblage of adjacent parcels. Plan details are still evolving. Met with the State about potential funding.
    - 295 Ridge Road - There is a neighborhood meeting tonight with the developer in the Library Community Room. A tax incentive was awarded for this 70 unit apartment building.
  - b. Grant Project Status
    1. Heritage Walk – HFPG and CT Humanities - Peter Gillespie reported that the unveiling is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at 10:30 am. The ceremony and refreshments will be held at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center.
    2. Church/Main Street Intersection - Work has commenced.
    3. STEAP 2014 – 1000 Silas Deane Highway/Façade Funding - Nothing additional to report.
4. New Business
  - a. Welcome Wagon - Beginning to get supplies from businesses and Town Departments. More than 15 businesses have already agreed to participate. Denise Bradley will send a reminder to businesses to get their promotional items into the office. A discussion ensued regarding selling and distribution of the shopping bags.
  - b. Salute To Business – December 10 – Nominees - The event will be held Wednesday, December 9th at 5:30 PM. A draft list of nominees was distributed for discussion. Suggestions for a keynote speaker included Joe Moruzzi, owner of the Goff Brook Shops or someone from the YardGoats Stadium/Front Street projects. A marketing sub committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the details of the event.
  - c. Façade Application - 282/284 Silas Deane Highway - Peter Gillespie discussed the details of the funding request. The estimated total cost of improvements is \$88,450.00 including windows, doors, siding, signs, electrical, landscaping, gutters, demo of porch, deck, porch, handicap ramp, driveway and parking lot improvements. The total costs eligible for facade funding is approximately \$42,000. The EDIC can fund up to

