



Economic Development & Improvement Commission (EDIC)

Regular Meeting – Thursday February 11, 2016 – 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)

Member Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Mark Trahan, Chairman	✓		
Gioia Zack, Vice Chairman	✓		
Dan Silver			✓
Dorcas McHugh	✓		
John Adamian	✓		
Judy Keane			✓
Ken Lesser	✓		
Ken Rizzio			✓
Mirella D’Antonio	✓		
Peter O’Keefe	✓		

Others in attendance: Marco Pace, Leslie Civitello – Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Bridges – Town Manager, Anthony Spinella – Town Council Liaison, Peter Gillespie – Director of Planning & Economic Development and Denise Bradley, Assistant Planner.

3. Old Business
 - a. Vacant Property Updates Peter Gillespie reported on the following properties:
 - 434-442 Silas Deane Highway - Property under contract
 - 446 Silas Deane Highway - Redevelopment plans submitted, facade loan approved.
 - 341 Jordan Lane - Met with new owners
 - 295 Ridge Road - PZC decision being appealed. Developers still interested in pursuing the project. A brief discussion ensued regarding the anticipated timeline.
 - 1000 Silas Deane Highway - Continuing real estate negotiations

- 207 Church Street - Working on the final details of the plan. PZc application submission anticipated shortly.
- 1178 Silas Deane Highway - Developer still interested but quiet.

Commissioner Lesser asked if it would be possible for those interested to tour some of the properties that appear on this list. A brief discussion ensued and Peter Gillespie noted he could coordinate a tour in the spring.

b. Grant Project Status

1. Heritage Walk – HFPG and CT Humanities - May 28th is Heritage Weekend. The unveiling will be scheduled to coincide with the event.
2. STEAP 2014 – 1000 Silas Deane Highway/Façade Funding - Peter Gillespie briefly discussed the status of this project.
3. STEAP 2016 – Solomon Welles House Improvements - Peter Gillespie described the application submitted and noted that the town is waiting to hear if the funding has been approved.

4. New Business

- a. Welcome Wagon - Ready to be delivered to new businesses and residents.
- b. Town Guide and Calendar 2016 - Delivered and beginning to distribute.
- c. Budget 2016/2017 - Peter Gillespie handed out a budget spreadsheet and detailed this year's request.
- d. 2016 EDIC Initiatives - Mark Trahan detailed a new initiative which he dubbed the "Great Elm" Initiative to develop an independent website that acts as an information of all facets of economic and social promotion of the community and the Town of Wethersfield. A discussion ensued regarding budget and ongoing content management.

5. Other Business – There was no other business.

6. Reports

- Town Manager's Report – Jeff Bridges reported on the following: - Intersection of Church Street and Main Street, BOE and Town Budget process, Recent DMV Bill, Streetlight retrofit project
- Town Council Liaison's Report – Anthony Spinella reported on the Budget negotiations
- Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison's Report – Back Lane subdivision approved.
- Tourism Commission Liaison's Report – Dorcas McHugh reported on the group tour package initiative.
- Chamber of Commerce Liaison's Report – Leslie Civitello reported on the recent Chamber Board meeting. Kris Pace announced her resignation from the Board and as Chair of the Holidays on Main event. She discussed the recent State of the Town Event and upcoming Business after Hours events.

7. Chairman's Report – Mark Trahan had nothing additional to report.

8. Sub-Committee Reports Marketing and Communications - A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Financial Strategies - A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

9. Minutes – January 21, 2016 - Mirella D'Antonio had a suggested correction. Dorcas McHugh made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. John Adamian seconded and all voted in favor.
10. Next Meeting – Thursday March 10, 2016
11. Correspondence - There was no correspondence.
12. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Bradley – Assistant Planner