

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL  
131 EAST CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT  
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101, LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

#### I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Karen Faust  
Commissioner Michael Fox  
Commissioner Charlene Garcia  
Commissioner David Marsden  
Commissioner Greg Polk  
Commissioner Pamela Raynock  
Commissioner Fernando Rosa  
Commissioner Clifford Stamm  
Commissioner Kenneth St. Onge  
Commissioner Linda Woods

PRESENT: Economic Development Director  
Andrew Brecher

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the May 7, 2014 minutes and Commissioner Faust seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Rosa introduced Kenneth St. Onge, the newest member of the Economic Development Commission.

#### IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brecher cautioned not being caught in the traffic at the former National Welding site because the state is lowering the old bridge and building a new one with our town attorney, Peter Boorman ironing out the issues.

Also, Best Market has had three restaurant bids to rent at its property; also there is an approved site for another bank and also, two national chains are interested in renting at Best Market plaza. - so everyone is waiting for the first "LEASED" sign to go up at the plaza.

At East Cedar and the Berlin Turnpike a fueling station is being developed and the possibility of an day care and assisted living facility could be in the works.

Although Sunbest is moving out, a subdivision of Sunbest will move in and mitigate the original loss.

A final report is being prepared for Newington Junction and the former Cedar Crest property is being studied, environmentally.

At Alumni Road and Cedar Street, the State Engineering department are redesigning this area to permit a traffic signal to be installed to make this a safe intersection.

On the Berlin Turnpike a new medical building has been proposed, north of Prospect Street by a physician who has a practice in town, which will include a twenty four hour compounding pharmacy.

Also, Data Mail has gone before the Town Planning and Zoning Commission to request a 13,000 ft expansion of its building

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE FOR CONSTITUTION SQUARE/MARKET SQUARE AND GATEWAY DIRECTIONAL SIGANGE

Director Brecher stated that there is only one sign that is not exactly level, but it will be resolved, and that there is a There were candid articles in the Town Crier and Newington Life, complimenting this project!

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. HOLIDAY EVENT

Chairman Rosa encouraged the commissioners to consider the first week of December when this holiday event will be held, for example, Thursday, December 4, 2014, which is the night of the regular meeting to be held by the Economic Development Commission, which would include an agenda. Starting time would be 5:30-6:30 P.M. and so far three sites have been chosen for possible location, including The Portuguese Club of Hartford, The Polish American Club and the Sphinx Temple Shriners.

Chairman Rosa continued that invitations should be gathered from a list of businesses and also to recognize new businesses; thus developing strategies to network major organizations in town. Chairman Rosa urged "we ought to go out of our way to publicly recognize them, businesses that impact the town of Newington."

Chairman Rosa added that the program could begin at 5:30 P.M. - 6:15 P.M. with social networking and at 6:15 the Mayor and Town Manager would introduce department heads and state representatives, including Newington's Police Chief and Fire Department Marshall.

Chairman Rosa stressed that this event is to meet and greet, to energize guests to the potential of Newington development, which would include a small printed program and also the recognition of prominent Nerwington citizens. Director Brecher added this could be accomplished by reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce, who have the experience and resources and Chairman Rosa agreed that in his previous chairmanship, the Chamber was extremely involved in this process.

Additionally, Director Brecher suggested media advertising and Chairman Rosa agreed that could include a press release. Director Brecher encouraged a volunteer effort from the members of this body - "the focus of this effort is positive notoriety".

Commissioner Linda Woods suggested that the commissioners could reach out to their assigned districts. In conclusion, Director Brecher encouraged members that at next month's meeting, we should be able to plan a road map.

A. DISTRICT REPORTS

Commissioner Polk noticed that there are a lot of cracks in the Town Center parking lot, some rather severe, including cracking in the drainage area.

Commissioner St. Onge announced that the New Britain Rockets are moving to Hartford and will this impact Newington traffic wise and can we capitalize on this move.

Director Brecher added that the New Britain Rockets were coming up for a lease renewal and Hartford took the opportunity to invite them to Hartford to a proposed newly built stadium. Commissioner Marsden added that there are a lot of unhappy New Britainites because of this decision and would rather see them remain in New Britain. To this, Chairman Rosa noted that the new stadium could become a multipurpose stadium such as Yankee Stadium is being used now when baseball is not on the home schedule.

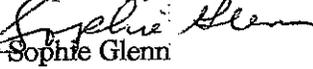
Chairman Rosa said that a new list of district assignments will be distributed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Marsden pointed out that there are severe holes in the roads of Newington that need repairing badly.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sophie Glenn  
Recording Secretary