

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL  
131 EAST CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT  
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101, LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014  
7:08 P.M.

#### I. MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PRESENT: Economic Development Director  
Andrew Brecher

II. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the June 4, 2014 minutes and Commissioner Marsden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

Director Brecher distributed the Newington Town Officials E-mail address list.  
Former Welding site:

Director Brecher announced that the Town Council has approved the contractor's bid which will begin demolition at the site by the end of August. The site will be "dragged down" because of the environmental threat of asbestos to the environment. The state will be overseeing the project, with a final review by the Attorney General. It will take weeks for demolition factoring in weather conditions. Director Brecher added that the use restoration has to be transit oriented development for the next ten years, with enormous potential for a "junction village", thus underscoring the town's slogan "GROWTH AND PROGRESS!"

Director Brecher went on to report that Hunter Development's work at the top of East Cedar Street has ceased because the DOT because of DOT issues that first need approval to continue this project.

Director Brecher related that the former Cedarcrest Hospital property is still pending redevelopment and will possibly require an environmental assessment.

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Director Brecher noted that that former Applebees' property will be redeveloped with occupancy targeted for 2015.

Director Brecher noted that there are two parties with contracts for occupancy at the Best Market Plaza. Director Brecher also encouraged Best Market to repair the parking lot issues by giving them a list of contractors to resolve this problem.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Downtown Signage for Constitution Square/Market Square

Director Brecher reported that he has resolved the issues with the contractor.

B. Gateway/Directional Signage

Director Brecher spoke about two signs that have disappeared and that the highway department has ordered new signs and will install them, with one sign requiring the permission of the home owner.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Holiday Event

Chairman Rosa announced that the subcommittee has held a preliminary meeting and the hall has been reserved for December 4, 2014 and they are still working on the business list invitations.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VIII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

A. District Reports

Commissioner Marsden queried the status of the automotive use of the Berlin Turnpike situation and Director Brecher reported that the road block to development has been removed but there is still pending litigation and that this issue will be presented to the TPZ. for their ruling on the matter. Commissioner Marsden went on to note that the new Packard's Way development has a road depression on Maple Hill Avenue and requests if this could be repaired. Director Brecher believes the developer has received correspondence from the Engineering Department advising them that the paving has experienced a settling that is beyond acceptable and must be resolved.

Commissioner Fox inquired as to the Sunshine Laundry sorting and drying its laundry outside of its building. Director Brecher elucidated that 'business is booming' and there is a lot of laundry coming in from caterers and that legally, raw materials can be sorted outside the main building. However, the Town Planning and Zoning Commission will notify them by mail to avoid being an 'eyesore to the neighbors'.

B. CHAMBER REPORT

Commissioner Polk noted that there are still problems with the asphalt at Constitution Square however, the Town has done some landscaping and put in mulch - but there still needs more weeding to be done.

Director Brecher also added that the Town has funding to install an electric charging station for up to \$10,000.00 and that he and the Town Planner have filled out an application with approval by the Town Council to install one at Constitution Square's center island. The town also has another station at Newington Electric on Pane Road.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner St. Onge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sophie Glenn  
Recording Secretary