

Town of East Haven, CT  
Economic Development Commission Special Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2021  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Shumitz  
Commissioner Chugani  
Commissioner Tarducci  
Vice-Chair Bittner  
Commissioner Maiorano

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ray Baldwin, Director

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Members of Business Community

Chairman Shumitz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Members in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bittner made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Shumitz seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PRESENTATION OF EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL MANUAL ARTS PROGRAM BY VINCENT DENUZZO AND AMY FERRATI AND TOUR THE FACILITY**

A presentation was made to members of the commission and the business community members that were in attendance in regard to the new programs that the High School is going to be implementing in the near future. Principal Vin DeNuzzo and Vice-Principal Amy Ferrati thanked everyone for attending this evening and both stated that they are very excited about the new programs they hope to bring to the high school. It will be geared more towards the trades. Members of the business community spoke to the members of the commission and to the school staff about what they are looking for in prospective employees and how they could help each other with getting students to intern/shadow at local businesses. The program is in the infancy stage with manufacturing, and it will be lots of work, but they are hopeful that kids will stay here in town instead of going out to other trade schools. They would also like to be able to have a placement center to be able to match up students with employers in town based on their interests. After some discussions regarding this program, the entire commission and members of local businesses took a tour of the school and its different tech-ed rooms, such as the auto shop, the woodworking shop, the HOSA room and culinary areas just to name a few.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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There being no further business to come before the commission, **MOTION** made by Chairman Shumitz and seconded by Commissioner Maiorano to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda S. LaLuna*

Clerk