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Economic Development Commission Minutes
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PRESENT: Robert Limoncelli, Chairman
Magdalen Sparaco
Jerome Pacelli
Frank Alvarado

STAFF: Alex Sulpasso, EDC
Paul Hongo, Dir.

PUBLIC: Fred Musante-EH Patch

Chairman Limoncelli called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Commissioner Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Sparaco to approve the minutes of the August 22nd Meeting that were distributed by e-mail. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None at this time

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EDC Sulpasso stated that restaurant week went well despite having two restaurants back out due to damages from Hurricane Irene. He has sent out surveys to the 9 other participating restaurants and will report back with those results next meeting. He also stated that refunds were issued to the 2 restaurants that were unable to participate in the event. EDC Sulpasso stated that the Facebook account for Economic Development is up and running. He had some computer glitches, but they have been worked out. There are local businesses that are posting on the page and EDC Sulpasso has been trying to put events for the Town, things happening in the EDC office and commission on there as well. Chairman Limoncelli stated that he had spoken with the new Editor of the EH Courier, Brian Kelly and he had planned a large spread in the paper for Restaurant Week, however, the hurricane hit and time slipped by to get that done. He apologized and said that he would make sure the next event was published.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Alvarado asked if anyone knew what was going on with the trailers in the parking lot of the old A&P building. EDC Sulpasso stated that he believed that FEMA had set some trailers up for residents affected by the hurricane. Dir. Paul Hongo will look into that and see if that is correct. Commissioner Sparaco asked if there was any property available in the Industrial Park. Director Hongo stated that Fuchs moved out but they still own the building and are still paying taxes right now. Commissioner Pacelli asked about the West End Revitalization project's status. Director Hongo stated that

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the traffic signalization is being completed and then the Town will get ready to begin working on that. They were approved to use the granite curbing so that it would match the rest of the work that has already been completed. Commissioner Sparaco asked about the C&F property, and was informed that it is still vacant with no buildings on it. The Mayor sent out a letter to Cosey Beach Avenue residents regarding the process of rebuilding and the process she set up to help the residents affected so that they could meet with Town officials all in one place. The Army Corps of Engineering met with the Mayor today courtesy of Rosa DeLauro. Chairman Limoncelli stated that the Chamber of Commerce membership is up this year as compared to last year at this time. The Fall Festival was once again a success with a good turnout in the Business Showcase tent.

There being no further business to come before the agency, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 p.m. by Commissioner Alvarado and seconded by Commissioner Sparaco. All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk