

Town of East Haven, CT
Economic Development Commission Minutes
June 25, 2012
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PRESENT: Chairman Limoncelli
Commissioner Pacelli
Commissioner Serio

STAFF: Arthur L. DeSorbo, Dir.

ABSENT: Commissioner Alvarado
Commissioner Bittner

Chairman Limoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Chairman Limoncelli also thanked everyone for their time in coming tonight and their commitment to the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director DeSorbo stated that he is about to undertake an ad campaign to attract interested businesses to come to East Haven. There is an ad that will be in the Westchester and Fairfield Business Journals. Director DeSorbo feels that he can put together packages for individuals interested in coming to town to relocate if they tell him what they need. There can be incentive packages for existing buildings but has more leverage with raw land. He feels that it's a good opportunity to sell East Haven in those publications because the cost of doing business is cheaper here.

Director DeSorbo stated that he has put in a Capital Improvement Request for improvements to the Industrial Park including the possible extension of Proto Drive. There is already an application in to the DEEP, which will allot for expansion of Town Fair Tire and Calabro Cheese. He also stated that he just paid \$50-60,000 for unpaid bills towards the engineering reports and designs regarding the expansion that were already completed.

He would like to try and keep the Apizza Grande building intact as it could possibly be a new home for the Youth Center which had to move out of the Frontage Road area it was in due to Hobby Lobby coming in. A brief discussion was held regarding the Youth Center.

Director DeSorbo also stated that he just returned from a Grant Writing seminar in Baltimore. He was there for 3 days and got some good ideas from it. He also spoke

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about starting up the EDC Breakfast again and have the Chamber join in as well. Discussion was held regarding what the commission would like to see done. A meeting will be set up with the commission to determine a date, location and budget, which will be discussed at the next regular meeting of this commission. Restaurant Week was also discussed but no action was taken.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSISON

No action taken as a result of lack of commission members. A full commission is needed for this. It will be place on next month's agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business to come before the agency, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. by Commissioner Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Serio. All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk