

**Town of East Haven, CT**  
**Economic Development Commission Minutes**  
**August 27, 2012**  
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**PRESENT:** Commissioner Bittner  
Commissioner Pacelli  
Commissioner Serio

**STAFF:** Arthur L. DeSorbo, Dir.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Alvarado  
Chairman Limoncelli

Acting Chairman Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Serio and seconded by Commissioner Bittner to approve the minutes of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 working feverishly on the Industrial Park. He has been meeting with engineers on an almost daily basis so we can assist in Town Fair Tire's expansion needs. He is working on a plan to submit to the DEP which will allow some wetland filling and will probably have to relocate Proto Drive, and possibly knocking down the building that is there now. Hobby Lobby is now under construction on Frontage Road at the old Home Goods.

Director DeSorbo stated that he needs to formulate a final plan to send to DEEP and the Army Corps for Town Fair Tire so that TFT knows the Town is serious about having them stay here. He is keeping them (TFT)

There was discussion regarding the possibility of developing property behind Home Dept. but there isn't a lot of commercial space. There was a discussion regarding funding from the DOT for the bridge over the railroad but there is no interest in placing a station here in Town from the train company.

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 a small expansion, if any, of Calabro Cheese. He will be going to the Board of Finance to ask for the money for improvements to repair and repave the street, cul-de-sac at the end of Commerce Street, cleaning the front of the landfill and fencing and possibly cameras.

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**DISCUSS & TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

No action taken as a result of the group not responding to the invitation to attend the meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A discussion was held with regard to the status of the EDC/Chamber Breakfast. They are looking for a spring date and restaurant as well. Director DeSorbo stated that there were some calls received from the advertising done in the two real estate papers in Fairfield and Westchester County Journal. There has been some clean up in the center of Town will help from the summer employees. Director DeSorbo also stated that the State knows the Town is NOT in favor of knocking down the bridge near the Old Mill and will rework the plan.

There being no further business to come before the agency, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 p.m. by Commissioner Bittner and seconded by Commissioner Serio. All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna  
Clerk