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Town of East Haven, CT
Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Haddon
Commissioner Shumitz
Commissioner Tarducci

STAFF PRESENT:

Ray Baldwin, Director
Dale Kroop, Grant Writer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Bittner

Director Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Each new commissioner and Director Baldwin and Dale Kroop introduced themselves and gave a brief bio of themselves.

MISSION STATEMENT AND CHARGE

The commissioners went over the draft of the mission statement and charge that was emailed to them. A discussion was held with regard to what each commissioner thought of the draft. This will be discussed further at a future meeting and was just something informal for the members to look over and bring any questions or concerns or ideas to the next meeting to discuss.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY

Commissioner Tarducci made a **MOTION** to table the election of officers until all members were in attendance. Commissioner Shumitz seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed, and none abstained.

MOTION TABLED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/SMALL CITIES

Director Baldwin discussed the goals and functionality of the commission and the commissioners had a lengthy conversation regarding what they all felt could be done to help with economic development in East Haven. More information will be discussed at future meetings. Right now, it was just an overview on the possibilities and current status of development in town.

Director Baldwin polled the commission regarding public comment at meetings and when it should take place and the regulations for those who wish to speak at future meetings. It will be placed on the agenda when it will occur.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION GOALS

Already covered in Director's reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Haddon asked Director Baldwin about the list of distressed cities and how it's calculated. He will have that information for the next meeting.

Downtown Revitalization was discussed briefly and will be addressed in depth at future meetings.

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A brief conversation was held regarding Tweed Airport. There is a meeting on March 10th from 6-8pm. It can be accessed at www.tweedmasterplan.com.

There being no further business to come before the commission, **MOTION** made by Commissioner Tarducci and seconded by Commissioner Shumitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna

Clerk