

**Town of East Haven, CT**  
**Economic Development Commission Minutes**  
**April 27, 2015**  
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**PRESENT:** Chairman Limoncelli  
Commissioner Bittner  
Commissioner Serio  
Commissioner Amendola

**STAFF:** Sal Brancati, Dir.  
Attorney Joe Zullo

**PUBLIC:** Linda Hargraves  
Fred Hargraves  
Sue Stacey

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Alvarado

Chairman Limoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Commissioner Bittner made a **MOTION** to add 200 Tyler Street to the Agenda and Commissioner Amendola seconded. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Chairman Limoncelli- Yes  
Commissioner Bittner-Yes  
Commissioner Serio- Yes  
Commissioner Amendola- Yes

All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Serio and seconded by Commissioner Bittner to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting that were distributed by e-mail. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Chairman Limoncelli- Yes  
Commissioner Bittner- Yes  
Commissioner Serio- Yes  
Commissioner Amendola- Yes

All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

**200 TYLER STREET**

Chairman Limoncelli asked that all questions be directed to him. Director Brancati stated that there is nothing to comment on at this meeting.

Louis Anastasio-108 Prospect Place Ext.-Has been involved with the EH Pool most of his life and is deeply concerned with regard to what will happen to the pool, gym and teen center that are located at 200 Tyler Street. The Recreation Department has complete control over the pool and the community uses the pool 7 days a week. East Haven is the only Town in which the Rec. Dept. has control over the pool as most other towns it is controlled by the Board of Education. He has heard several proposals as to what to do with the pool. It is a beautiful piece of property that has lots of potential and he believes that whatever decision is made has to be presented to the citizens of East Haven so they can voice support or disapproval with what will be done to the property.

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Linda Hargraves-521 Thompson Avenue- Asked why it was added to the agenda if there is no comment on this topic. It was added so it could be discussed if necessary. She wasn't sure if it was appropriate to ask what she wanted, but wanted to know when there would be an announcement as to what will be happening with the property.

Chairman Limoncelli stated that there will be a public hearing before anything went to P&Z regarding the disposition of this property. P&Z is the first step then the Town Council sets up a public hearing, then the actual public hearing takes place and then it goes before the Council. There is no decision without 1 or two or more, public hearings if anything is done or presented.

Attorney Zullo answered Sue Stacey's statement regarding rumors that are running rampant and said because when you hand out flyers and pamphlets that's the outcome. There has been no proposal presented to this commission nor is there any discussion relevant to 200 Tyler Street. There is no plan from a developer to be presented. Before a proposal there could be several informal hearings, letters going out to residents, something on the Town website. Residents need to trust in the process.

Director Brancati explained the RFQ which requires documentation. Before you go and have a public hearing and before it can be heard there has to be a plan. There are stages of what can be done and what will it take. There is no timeline right now, he was hoping to have something out by the first week in April but there was no agreement with a developer to bring to anyone.

Chairman Limoncelli stated that this property is very personal and he wants something positive for the property. Commissioner Serio stated that he has been on the commission between different administrations and this property is a political football with regard to the pool, the historical society and the gym.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Brancati said he is working on the expansion of the Industrial Park into Commerce Street. It is a slow process. He is waiting results on the soil tests for the possible Vet Hospital in the vacant area in front of the landfill. Once that comes back clean the building can begin. He also spoke about 620 Coe Avenue and what roadblocks were hit with regard to the ground under the building. It wasn't strong enough to hold the foot load so there will be some changes to that. He has been approached by a developer for the Il Salice property on Roma Street and they would like it to be used for a banquet facility as well as a restaurant when not doing banquets. Swanson Auto is interested in the building on Hemingway Avenue before Rite Aid and will continue to use it as an auto repair shop as he tried to buy the building he is in now and was unable to do so as the owner does not want to sell. Sal is trying to keep them in Town and is looking into zoning approvals.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business to come before the agency, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. by Commissioner Serio and seconded by Commissioner Amendola. All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna  
Clerk