

Town of East Haven, CT
Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Limoncelli
Commissioner Enders
Commissioner Bittner

STAFF PRESENT:

Sal Brancati, Director

Chairman Limoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made to table the minutes of the September 26th meeting by Commissioner Enders and seconded by Commissioner Bittner. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/SMALL CITIES

Director Brancati informed the commission that there are several projects going on in Town.

Industrial Park-158 Commerce-Aguilera Moving/Storage-Will be building additional space in a second building on the land behind their building that the Town will be leasing to them which was only accessible through 158. They will add approximately \$100,000 in new taxes on the Grand List with the addition as well as their vehicles

133 Commerce-not vacant-being used at 20% however there is a good possibility of a bakery using the space-there needs to be some firming up on the contract with the owner.

Xpect Discounts is now closed and Big Lots will be going into the space and are doing renovations at this time.

CT Food Bank building was vacant but has been purchased by ServPro- that building is also under going construction and they're very happy to be in Town.

Home Depot Plaza-A 24 hour vet will be filling the vacant space there and will be filled to capacity. The owner of the building will update the façade as he has received a grant to do so.

Forbes Fuel has been approved to construct a new gas station/convenience store on Frontage Road in the grassy space between Wendy's and the entrance of Home Depot. The State offered the land to the Town and the Town made the deal with Forbes. It will be a 12 pump service station with the convenience store. 198 Commerce Street was also sold to Forbes for them to do repairs to their trucks and will build additional 10,000 sq. ft. onto the existing building.

The State is close to raising Coe/Hemingway Avenue-will be raised 2 feet at the intersection with a grant by the State. They are waiting on design plans and haven't gone to bid yet.

The old Apizza Grande building on Coe Avenue-the New haven Elks Club has an MOU until the end of December. There are 2 other people interested in the property if that should fall through.

West End of Main Street-Sal has received a letter from HUD that they have approved the funds for the revitalization of that area to make it look like the other end of Main Street with sidewalks, lighting etc.

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200 Tyler Street-Development agreement signed and the CHFA application has been submitted-deposit given-now just waiting on some minor details to work out but everything is moving in the right direction.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bittner asked about the new tenant in the Ocean State building. The business is called Rock and Jump and the Town will be having a job fair for them as they intend to hire 100 new people.

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF 2017 MEETING DATES

Commissioner Bittner made a **MOTION** to approve the 2017 Meeting schedule as read. Commissioner Enders seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before the commission, **MOTION** made by Commissioner Enders and seconded by Commissioner Bittner to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna

Clerk