

Economic Development Commission
Monday, November 19, 2012 – 7:00PM
Colchester town Hall
Meeting Room 2
Minutes

Attendees: Steven Cohn, Kele Issa , Adam Turner, John Dion, Andreas Bisbikos, Paul Catalano, Chris Connolly
Absent: Bruce Goldstein

1. Call the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Additions to agenda
 - a. Approval of 2013 meeting schedule
3. Approval of the July 16, 2012 minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes made by Paul Catalano
 - Seconded by John Dion
 - Motion carried unanimously
4. Initial discussion re: revised Zoning Regulations published on Colchester's web site 11/2/2012
 - a. Adam provided backdrop into rationale, status and next steps for adoption by town
 - b. Commission members to view entire on-line document and provide feedback to Adam via on line comments (web site link) or bring comments to next EDC meeting
 - i. Particular attention to be paid to Village, Commercial & Industrial, and Future Development District sections
 - c. Comments and feedback to be reviewed during next EDC meeting (12/17)
5. Linwood Avenue Streetscape- Future downtown economic development
 - a. No update provided
6. CTIP Review
 - a. Steve to research exact state statute limitations regarding financial incentives
 - b. Discussion to enhance C-TIP program:
 - i. Create target list of business/industries and proactively design CTIP incentive to enhance attractiveness of program
 1. Examples included entertainment, medical and retail
 2. Request owner(s) of vacant buildings to attend future EDC meetings
 - a. EDC to learn firsthand of their target market/tenant audience and solicit feedback on how the CTIP program can better incentivize potential businesses
 - b. Adam to speak to the owner of the Galaxy Shops to attend January 21, 2013 meeting
 - c. Upton Road vacant buildings mentioned as well
 - ii. Commission agreed First Selectman should attend any EDC meetings when business owners are invited to attend
 - iii. Commission in agreement to focus on "shovel ready" opportunities such as vacant office/retail/industrial space
 - iv. Commission felt overall premise of CTIP award should focus on job growth and economic development versus whether business is looking at locations outside of Colchester
 - v. Additional conversations revolved around Stop & Shop plaza, former Chevy dealership, movie theater road frontage (batting cages) and vacant auto/tire facility across from movie theater
7. Motion to approve 2013 meeting schedule

- i. Motion to approve meeting with removal of July 15, 2013 meeting by Paul Catalano
- ii. Seconded by John Dion
- iii. Motion carried unanimously

8. Adjournment

- Motion to approve minutes made by Paul Catalano
- Seconded by John Dion
- Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm