

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MAY 20, 2008

Chairman Musante called to order the Special Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:00 PM, Shelton Economic Development Corporation, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT 06484.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Fred Musante, Chairman
Fred Ruggio
Dr. Robert Burlison
Karen McGovern (Arrived 6:01 p.m.)

Member Absent: Kate Marks

MEETING ON TAPE, ON FILE, CITY/TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (1 TAPE)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2008 REGULAR MEETING:

Commissioner Burlison moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2008. Commissioner Ruggio seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Note: Commissioner Karen McGovern arrived – 6:01 p.m.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS:

Community/Business Newsletter

Chairman Musante discussed the next edition and indicated work on it will conclude next week. Preparation of the September issue will start promptly. Several articles have been keynoted.

Annual Report

With the next fiscal year, specifications will be developed for preproduction and printing. Work on this project will commence once the September newsletter is underway.

Flag Day Picnic – June 13, 2008

Commissioners were given a copy of the invitation that will be sent out shortly. All members are urged to attend this event.

Tribute to Richard Belden – June 14, 2008

Chairman Musante has served on the committee for this event, which will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. Included will be a presentation of a portrait oil painting of the late Representative Belden, which was just completed today and is ready for framing. The original will be placed at City Hall and a copy will be given to Dick's wife, Bert. The portrait will be featured on the cover of the sixteen-page booklet, which is an intimate depiction of Dick's career and family using photographs and a minimum of words. Commissioners should plan to attend this event.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Chairman Musante discussed the FY 2008-09 budget request and said our appeal to the Board of Aldermen reinstated our request with the exception of \$2,000 to produce a business profile.

Commissioner Ruggio said our current budget is tight and there will not be any money returned to the City.

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AREA PROJECTS:

Valley Transit District

Chairman Musante reviewed the progress of VTD and said he is optimistic that all will be well within a year's time.

Long Range Plan

Chairman Musante said Planning and Zoning consistently refers to the Long Range Plan in its discussions and decisions.

Derby-Shelton Bridge

The Commission is involved with this Derby/Shelton Rotary project. The newsletter will cover the project considerably giving a history of the bridge and plans for improvement and updating. Commissioner Marks will have more information at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Musante distributed copies of an article on the City of Shelton, which was published in a recent edition of The New York Times in the Connecticut section.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter from Dorothy Pastir, President of Beaver Dam Lake Association of Stratford was discussed. She requests in accordance with FOI to receive prior written notification of all meetings of Economic Development Commission. Chairman Musante noted the letter dated March 20 was postmarked on May 10 and was not received until May 17. The letter has been referred to counsel, who will prepare a response. The Commission will take no action until advised by counsel.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Ruggio moved to adjourn at 6:25 PM. Commissioner McGovern seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Diane Luther, Clerk
Economic Development Commission

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS:

THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 17, AT 6:00 PM, AT THE OFFICE OF SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.