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Town of East Haven
Economic Development
ETV, 230 Main Street, East Haven, CT
Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:00P.M.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call meeting to order- Roll Call

Chairwoman Lorrie Maiorano called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call taken by Chairwoman Lorrie Maiorano.

Present: Chairwoman Lorrie Maiorano, Commissioner Steve DeLucia, Commissioner, John Tarducci, Commissioner Mohan Chugani.

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Antisdell

Also Present: Michelle Benivegna, Town of East Haven Economic Development Director.

2. Pledge of allegiance

All stand for pledge.

3. Approval of past minutes (10/12/23)

Chairwoman Lorrie Maiorano asked if everyone had a chance to review meetings from the last meeting on October 12, 2023. Commissioner Tarducci made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Delucia. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Director's report

It's been a few months since our last meeting.

Michele Antisdell is no longer on the ED Commission. Judy Mison will join the ED Commission in February. Judy is real estate agent and was a small business owner.

Holiday Joy on the Shoreline – Held Dec. 2nd. More than 20 trees displayed. \$1200 raised for Smilow Cancer Hospital. Overall, wonderful community event for the town.

HeatSmart program which was presented at the Oct. 17th Business Afterhours event has surpassed the expectations for the residential program since it started in October. As of today, 18 homeowners have inquired and started the application process to receive the benefits of the program. The letter for town businesses will be going out next week. They are waiting on the Chamber to approve their portion and then letters will go to Chamber business members.

ED Incentive Program Application is completed and available for businesses per the incentive program.

Economic Development Director, Michelle Benivegna will be traveling around town this month introducing herself to new business owners.

Zoning Update:

Zoning permits issued:

200 Kimberly Avenue - New use approved for a nail salon. (Approved July 31)

96 Frontage Road – New use for a cigar shop. (Approved July 24)

42 Thompson Street – “Lash Studio” changes space within same building. (Approved August 25)

704 Foxon Road – New signage as Eblens is replaced by “Snipes.” (Approved November 1)

933 Foxon Road – New owner at Foxon Massage. (Approved November 13)

444 Foxon Road – Haven Hair Salon (relocated from 851 Foxon Road) (Approved November 30)

444 Foxon Road – Legacy School of Dance (relocated from North Haven) (Approved November 30)

75 Foxon Road – “Brazza’s” relocating to former “Golden Dragon” space.

664 Foxon Road – New signage for “Dunkin.” (Just submitted)

Planning and Zoning Commission- Special Exceptions

January 16, 2024:

480 Short Beach Road – New Haven Truck and Auto Body is requesting a change to the Zoning Map to request the property be in a CB-2 Zoning District.

Planning and Zoning Commission- Site Plan Reviews

September 6, 2023:

656 Silver Sands Road, Three new cabana units were approved for the Silver Sands Beach Club.

November 21, 2023:

990 Foxon Road – Approval for the redevelopment of the entire property and to locate a self-storage building, medical center and three restaurant/food service establishments. (Starbuck/ 5G Guys/Chipotle)

January 16, 2024:

912 Foxon Road – Commission will hear a proposal for a Jamaican food service establishment called “Hot Roostah.”

133 Commerce Street – Commission will hear a proposal for a commercial laundry facility. Company is Spotless Linens in West Haven. Would relocate to East Haven.

January 16, 2024:

439 Main Street – Commission will hear a proposal for a 1 on 1 fitness center. Proposed within the commercial space that was a laundromat.

January 16, 2024:

96 Frontage Road – Commission will hear a proposal for a sushi and ramen restaurant where Boston Market used to be. Applicants own “Niuda Noodle and Sushi” in Middletown. This will be their 2nd restaurant.

Chamber of Commerce Update:

Provided by Commissioner Steve Delucia:

Business After Hours

Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business After Hours on Tuesday, January 16th at Palmero Restaurant from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to network with fellow business owners while supporting a local business.

Lobsterpalooza date announced: August 21st, 2024 at Anthony’s Oceanview in New Haven

Calendar for 2024

Commissioner DeLucia made a motion to accept the Director’s report, Commissioner Tarducci seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries. The meeting date for 2024 Economic Development Commission which will be held at 7:00PM at ETV located at 230 Mian Street, East Haven:

February 8, 2024

March 14, 2024

April 11, 2024

May 9, 2024

June 13, 2024

July 11, 2024

August 8, 2024

September 12, 2024

October 10, 2024

November 14, 2024

December 12, 2024

January 9, 2025

Other new business to come before the commission

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Chairwoman Lorrie Maiorano asked to have a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chugani made the motion, Commissioner Delucia seconded the motion. No abstentions, none opposed, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Benivegna

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Economic Development Director

