

Town of Trumbull  
Economic and Community Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 5th 2014 7:15pm  
Trumbull Town Hall

Commission: Thom Ginis, Beryl Kaufman, Rob McGowan, Evelyn Zamar

Staff: Economic and Community Development Director Edward Lavernoich

Chairman: John Pisinski (acting Chairman for this meeting)

Ms. Zamar made a motion to approve the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. McGowan, and unanimously approved by the commission. It was noted that informational sessions occurred in both September and October, but there was not a quorum for either.

Mr. Pisinski updates the commission on the progress of the new marketing video for the Town of Trumbull. Byron Campbell was present during the October meeting in order to help with ideas for the new video. He is the Senior Partner of the Firelight Media Group based in Trumbull. Mr. Sather and Mr. Berg volunteered to be on the sub-committee and work with Mr. Lavernoich, so that they can discuss the most crucial points for the updated version of the video. Mr. Lavernoich informed the commission that there is a sufficient amount of room in the budget for the market video update.

The commission goes on to discuss the membership change. Bernhard Klem resigned for personal reasons and unfortunately will no longer be a part of the commission. Mr. Lavernoich stated that the First Selectman's Office was notified, and the appointment of a new member was requested.

Mr. Lavernoich went over a brief recap with the commission on the September and October meetings (non-quorum). He also updated the commission on current business development activity within the town as of the end of October. The following items were noted during the meeting:

In early October, the construction of new office space in Trumbull for the Bridgeport Hospital Cancer Outpatient center started. There was a report from the Cheesecake Factory in Westfield Trumbull that stated the restaurant has far exceeded revenue projections for the first three months since it has been opened. On October 11<sup>th</sup> the Apple Store opened and remodeling from various stores expected to be completed in the mall. Also, project completion for "The Bridges at Trumbull" assisted living is under construction and should be done in the fall of 2015. The contract purchaser for the Garden Exchange property is the MF Discala Company and the building plans are currently under review in the Building Department and Fire Marshall's Office for the building space (expected to house approximately 7 or 8 retail, restaurant or office tenants). MGM Properties, LLC has acquired approvals from Inland Wetlands and

Planning and Zoning for an expansion of the planned building on the southern part of the Marisa's property. In addition, the Luigi's real estate in Trumbull is nearing sale. 5218 Main Street (former Stollman real estate office) has reportedly started renovation for one residential unit, as well as an attorney's office. This renovation was not properly permitted. In order for the renovation to continue there is a need for a demolition permit, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, and a building permit for a plan. Lastly, the Town of Trumbull is allowing Verizon to evaluate a potential site for a new cell tower to be installed. It will most likely be near Beach Memorial Park in a wooded area. Mr. Lavernoich told the commission that there is a chance Trumbull Center won't be a dead zone anymore for its cell phone users.

Mr. Pisinski asked Mr. Lavernoich on the progress of the Outlook Database Program. Mr. Lavernoich said that contacts are continually being added and the database is constantly being maintained, updated, and continues to expand. There are approximately 300 contacts including the members of the commission. He stated that it is going very well thus far. He also suggested the Outlook Database be used for the 1<sup>st</sup> version of the Electronic Newsletter and for it to be made available on the Town of Trumbull website.

Since there were no members present from the community for input, Rob McGowan informed the commission of the Trumbull Business Network, and that there will be an open house on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Pisinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McGowan, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.