

**Town Of Trumbull**  
**Economic and Community Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7, 2015 7:15 p.m.**  
**Trumbull Town Hall**

Chairman: Ralph Sather

Present: Commissioners: Evelyn Zamar, Beryl Kaufman, Scott Zimov, Robert McGowan

Staff: Economic and Community Development Director Jamie Bratt

Chairman Sather called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Scott Zimov, seconded by Robert McGowan to approve the September 2, 2015 minutes.

Ms. Bratt polled the members present regarding their attendance at the Boards and Commissions Dinner.

Ms. Bratt presented her Director's report:

- Pure Poetry had their ribbon cutting ceremony on October 5, 2015. There are several local ceremonies and dinners coming up which Ms. Bratt will attend on behalf of the Department.
- Bridges grand opening is scheduled for 10/29/15
- Sitting Duck is expected to open late October, early November
- Sale of former Corner Deli is expected soon and will open under new ownership
- Cooper Surgical's new building is under construction at 50 Corporate Drive
- 55 Merritt Blvd. to be sold at auction.
- Regarding timeframe for hiring new Town Planner: Ms. Bratt is currently filling that role until a new candidate can be hired. Anticipating interviews during October, and having the new employee in place and working by December.
- Ms. Bratt discussed her vision for the new Long Hill Green. She will be seeking funding in the Capital Plan as well as applying for a grant. She envisions a village style green with brick walks and hopefully connecting sidewalks between the separate areas, preserving the heritage of the area but making it more friendly, including ultimately leading to trail head. It is important for several reasons for the linkage between private and public investors. Private investors have spent \$3M over the past several years and it is important to send a signal to the private investors that the Town is on the same page and to make Long Hill Green the crown jewel of development. Trumbull residents are looking for village style amenities in a walkable format. This would provide that. Chairman Sather questioned if the nature of the establishments will promote walking around from area to area and the need for the retail to be compatible, not competitive.

Ms. Bratt also mentioned that Phase 2 of the Westfield mall expansion would be a potential area for the development of a Lifestyle Center along the lines of the Whole Foods complex in Milford. Road discontinuations have been approved by the Town Council and it is expected that the mall will be taking strides to begin Phase 2 development and town Planning and Zoning will be making some critical decisions in the upcoming months.

Library/Building Committee. Ms. Bratt and the Commission discussed the resounding voice of the public in leaving the library where it is. Over the next few months the committee will be looking at the possibility of a Community/Senior Center complex, and will be visiting other towns and considering space requirements and possibilities.

Ms. Bratt presented her plan for strategic initiatives for 2016, this month compiling a long “bucket list” of potential strategic initiatives and asked each member to submit their request for initiatives. Next month Ms. Bratt will begin a breakdown to more specifics, creating subcommittees to develop the specific plans for said initiatives. Some of the areas discussed were the overhaul of our web presence, 30 second or less videos focusing on what sets Trumbull apart for business, i.e. personal attention, quick response; resident education, market analysis. Mr. Zimov suggested more corporate business recruitment and looking into the updating of office facilities, reaching out to commercial brokers beyond the Trumbull marketing area.

Chairman Sather and the Commission rescheduled the November meeting to November 10th. Further information will be posted with the Town Clerk and on the Town website.

There being no further business, Chairman Sather requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., motion made by Ms. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. McGowan and voted unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Milewski  
Temporary Administrative Clerk