TOWN OF TRUMBULL
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda
September 1, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Zoom Videoconference

Attendance:

Members Present:
Beryl Kaufman, Chairman
Justin Scheuble, Vice Chairman
Evelyn Zamary, Secretary
Leyla Fayyaz
Patricia Borghesan
Phillip Reardon, Jr.
Rob Martini

Members Absent:
Fred Petrossi
Marshal Marcus

Also Present:
Rina Bakalar, Director of Economic & Community Development
Denise Zenevitch, Clerk
Bill Chin, Trumbull IT
Trumbull Community Television

Also Absent:
Dan Onofrio, President & CEO of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of August 4, 2026, regular meeting minutes:
A motion to approve the August 4, 2026, regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Justin Scheuble and seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Zamary. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report
Chairman Kaufman asked Director Bakalar to begin Director's report.

Director's Report

Events: Director Bakalar reported on a series of upcoming events between September and November. Two ribbon cuttings are scheduled in September: September 17th at Amber Dermatology, and September 23rd at Studio 203. Director Bakalar encourages as many people as possible to attend the ribbon cuttings. These are Trumbull businesses being opened by Trumbull residents. We have several other ribbon cuttings in the process of being scheduled.

Restaurant Week will take place on October 2nd-9th. It is a Friday-to-Friday event for the town. Director Bakalar thanked Denise and the entire Restaurant Week Committee for their tremendous help in the planning of this event. She noted that Fred Petrossi was not in attendance, however, the Trumbull Chamber is stepping up to handle the sign assembly and placements. Restaurant sign-ups are going well; we have met all sponsorship goals, and we will begin all promotional activity in mid-September.

Director Bakalar reported that the Annual Business Breakfast will be held the morning of November 13th at the Trumbull Marriott. We are working on finalizing the keynote speaker for the event and will report back in October. The program starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. but folks may start to arrive around 7:30am to network and check in.

Director Bakalar also wanted to invite the commission to First Selectman Tesoro's State of the Town Address on October 1st at 7:30am at Tashua Knolls. Additional information will be circulated.

Initiatives:

As discussed previously, a development Sub-Committee has been established. Commissioners Justin Scheuble, Rob Martini and Phillip Reardon, Jr., with Director Bakalar, have agreed to be a part of this sub-committee. The first meeting is scheduled and will be organizational in nature. In keeping with commissioner Scheuble's interest in the scope of the committee's work, the committee will be an opportunity to further educate the commission and the community on the development process and development activities as appropriate. Chairman Kaufman shared a suggestion to create a chart to show the process. Director Bakalar noted that the development process for the most part has been documented and is available on the Town's Website.

Business Update:

The Trumbull Town Council will be discussing the town's data center policy in their September meeting. First Selectman Tesoro has issued several communications regarding this topic. Director Bakalar encourages commission members to familiarize themselves with the previous communications and to review the new data center policy for future data centers being recommended to the Town Council.

Henkel Project: Henkel's 70 million corporate expansion is taking place and going well. There have been several complaints about construction noise from the adjacent condominium complex. Director Bakalar has spoken with Henkel and was informed majority of construction noise should decrease after the first of the year.

Trumbull Mall: The sale process is continuing. The process is confidential and will play out over the next several months. Director Bakalar will have more to report towards the end of the year.

Director Bakalar opened the floor for any questions.

Commissioner Zamary asked if there anything new on the corner of Unity Road and Booth Hill. Director Bakalar reported that a text amendment was approved several months back, but at this time there has not been any additional action that she is aware of. The project will need to go to wetlands first and may experience a lengthy deliberation there. She did not expect the project to be at Planning and Zoning for some time.

Commissioner Borghesan asked about renovation and restoration of the old schoolhouse and working with the Trumbull Historical Society and was curious as to where that is. Director Bakalar reported that the committee working on this project includes Nancy Fisher and Deb Silber of the Trumbull Historical Society. The mechanism for receiving donations electronically has just been finalized and will be launched soon. The committee is meeting in September, and we will report back in the October meeting. Our report will include the list of pledges we are pursuing for the project. Pediatric Health Care Associates has already made their pledge, and we have received their donation. A number of other pledges are in the works.

Commissioner Fayyaz commented on the beautiful landscaping and benches in Trumbull Center. She also went to Pediatric Health Care Associates the other day and complimented the convenience of the parking and quality of the facility. She noted that she was at the mall for back to school and reported a decent number of families visiting. She also recently visited Oggi Gelato, which she notes to be consistently busy, and ordered from Wonder for the first time and had a good experience.

Commissioner Fayyaz asked for an update on the Veteran's Center. Director Bakalar responded that the building is almost framed, and you will start to see a lot of progress now. The target of completion is early February.

Commissioner Fayyaz asked about the revaluation the town is doing and when it will be completed. Director Bakalar replied that she does not have the exact schedule of the reviews, but that the values must be determined as of October 1st. Commissioner Borghesan asked if the re-evaluation can be done by district. Director Bakalar responded that she cannot speak on the process of the tax assessor's office, however she is making sure the tax accessor has information regarding commercial properties and making sure that they are capturing the value of development plans. Director Bakalar will ask the tax assessor's office for someone to join the commission meeting in the future to explain the process. They have been in the process of trying to hire a tax assessor and deputy tax assessor. Commissioner Martini agreed that this would be a good education for the commission. As part of that discussion, the commission can talk more about the differences between Trumbull, Shelton, Fairfield, and other communities' commercial grand lists.

Commissioner Borghesan asked about the property adjacent to Home Depot. Director Bakalar responded that it's a confidential process, but she will be happy to provide additional details when appropriate. Director Bakalar feels the project welcomed by the community.

Chairman Kaufman asked if there is any activity on the St Jospeh's property. Director Bakalar responded that she had an introductory meeting with them in June and no concepts have been presented to the Town as of this meeting. They are currently zoned for senior housing, and the Town would like to see that property remain a similar use.

Chairman Kaufman asked about the two parcels on the corner of Reservoir Avenue and White Plains Road and wanted to know if it was stalled. Director Bakalar responded that the project is not stalled and recently completed the wetlands process. They are now going through Police Commission and then it will be brought to Planning & Zoning.

Chairman Kaufman stated that there is really a lot going on in town.

Director Bakalar mentioned that Dan Inofrio was unable to attend tonight, but we will get an update from him next month.

Chairman Kaufman asked for any further comments.

Director Bakalar mentioned that the October meeting will hopefully be held in person. Denise stated that an alternate date needs to be selected for the November Commission meeting as it conflicts with election day.

Opportunity for Community Input
No one from the community has tuned in. – no comments noted.

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made at Commissioner Justin Scheuble and seconded by Commissioner Patricia Borghesan. The motion carried unanimously**.**

Meeting Closed: 7:34PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Zenevitch, Acting ECDC Clerk

Cc: Rob Librandi