



Economic Development & Improvement Commission (EDIC)

Regular Meeting – Thursday May 14, 2015 – 12:00 Noon
Town Manager's Conference Room, First Floor, Town Hall
MINUTES

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM
2. Attendance and Quorum (6 members required) - Mark Trahan, Gioia Zack, John Adamian, Judy Keane, Mirella D'Antonio, Joan Hughes, Dorcas McHugh, Ken Rizzio, Peter O'Keefe, Jeff Bridges - Town Manager, Peter Gillespie - Director of Planning & Economic Development and Denise Bradley - Assistant Planner.
3. Old Business
 - a. Vacant Property Updates
 - 295 Ridge Road - The Planning & Zoning Commission held preliminary plans for develop a multi story apartment complex.
 - 1000 Silas Deane Highway - Continuing to work with the State and the property owner on the Agreement.
 - 1178 Silas Deane Highway - Renewed interest.
 - 672 Silas Deane Highway - Application pending to renovate the building and convert the building into an urgent care facility. May take advantage of the facade improvement program in the future.
 - 125 Silas Deane Highway - O'Reilly's Auto Parts is completing a tenant fitup for several of the empty spaces.
 - b. Grant Project Status
 1. Heritage Walk – HFGP and CT Humanities - The unveiling will take place after the sign are fabricated. Delivery date will take place in early June.
 2. Church/Main Street Intersection - The Town Engineer set up the Purchase Order. Construcion is anticipated to take place in late summer or early fall.
 3. STEAP 2014 – 1000 Silas Deane Highway/Façade Funding - Details of the agreement are being worked out.
4. New Business
 - a. Welcome Wagon - Judy Keane discussed the highlights of the recent Marketing meeting. There are approximately 100 new residents and 30 new businesses in town per year. A discussion ensued regarding and a follow up meeting will take place.
 - b. Budget - Jeff Bridges reported that the budget was passed. The road effort of \$1.5 Million. The mill rate will be 38.18. The debt service for the high school added \$1.1 Million to the bottom line. Several dispatchers were added to the budget.
 - c. Façade Application – 500 Silas Deane Highway – Corner Store - Peter Gillespie reported on the details of the financial request. He distributed existing facade photos and proposed elevations. The total cost of the project is approximately \$90,000. Mr. Gillespie described the improvements being proposed including doors and windows, new roofing and gutters, rear and front handicap walkways, landscaping, signage and concrete sealing and painting. Mark Trahan discussed the

