

MINUTES

Redevelopment Agency

Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

5:00 pm – Town Manager’s Conference Room, Town Hall

- 1) Call To Order – Acting Chair Camilliere called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call/Attendance/Quorum (3 Required) – Members in attendance: Dan Camilliere, Joe Soja and Mike Zaleski. Also in attendance: Stathis Manousos, Council Liaison, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager and Peter Gillespie, Economic Development Manager.
- 3) Public Comments – Ken Sokolowski noted that the 2010 minutes had not yet been posted on the Town’s website.
- 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2010 – Mike Zaleski motioned to approve the minutes, Joe Soja seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.
- 5) Progress Report – Peter Gillespie reported that he has had conversations with several parties interested in the Fun Zone. Mr. Gillespie reported that he had also had conversations with the owner of the former Weight Watchers regarding the Redevelopment Agency.
- 6) Status of Redevelopment Plan RFP – Bartram and Cochran (B and C) – Mr. Gillespie reminded the members that the Fun Zone owners were not interested in a financial contribution to the preparation of this plan and he had requested that Bartram and Cochran revise their proposal to focus upon the cluster of properties surrounding the Weight Watchers parcel at 1000 Silas Deane Highway as the owner seems to be more amenable to a partnership. Copies of a revised

proposal for 976 -1060 Silas Deane Highway were distributed for comment. Mr. Gillespie reported that B and C had agreed to maintain their costs at \$41,000 and had agreed to look at all 5 properties as part of the proposal. It was suggested that prior to acting on the proposal the meeting with Town Council should be scheduled and Mr. Gillespie discuss the proposal with the affected property owners.

7) Budget – Mr. Bridges reported that the CIP may include additional funds for Redevelopment initiatives.

8) Joint Meeting with Town Council – It was suggested that April 15 at 5:30 p.m. should be targeted for a joint meeting date with Council and the Agency.

9) Other Business – Mr. Gillespie briefly summarized a memo dated March 15 sent to the Town Manager regarding “Taxing Structures For Blighted Properties’ prepared in regards to a Town Council request for additional strategies that might be helpful to encourage improved maintenance of blighted properties. Examples from Georgia and Kentucky were attached. Statutory changes to CT law would be required to implement these ideas.

10) Next Meeting Date – April 15.

11) Adjournment – Mr. Soja motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m., Mr. Zaleski seconded the motion and the vote showed all members in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Gillespie
Economic Development Manager