

Minutes  
Redevelopment Agency  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, November 4, 2009  
5:00 pm – Town Manager’s Conference Room, Town Hall

- 1) Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Kuckro
- 2) Roll Call/Attendance/Quorum (3 Required) – Members in attendance: Kuckro, Thompson, Camilliere and Zaleski. Also in attendance: Town Manager Bridges, Councilor Walsh, Town Planner Gillespie and Assistant to the Town Manager Palmer
- 3) Public Comments – No one present.
- 4) Discussion of Priority Redevelopment Sites – Mr. Thompson reported that a meeting was held with Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Gersten to discuss the Bartram and Cochran proposal and the Town’s interest in having the owners of the Fun Zone property participate in the costs associated with the Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Gillespie reported that they were not interested in contributing to the costs but he asked them to consider other levels of involvement. No response received as of today. Mr. Bridges commented that it might make sense to wait for Council to appoint a new liaison before coming to any final decisions on this matter. There was a lengthy discussion.

**Fun Zone Redevelopment Plan** Motion made by Mr. Camilliere: “To recommend that the Town Council enter into an agreement with Bartram and Cochran, National Real Estate Consultants, Hartford, Connecticut to conduct a Feasibility Analysis and Redevelopment Plan

on behalf of the Wethersfield Redevelopment Agency for property located at 1178 Silas Deane Highway (aka FunZone) and surrounds as detailed in a proposal dated February 12, 2009 and in the amount of \$42,000. In addition, the Town Manager is authorized to make every reasonable effort to enter into a memorandum of understanding/agreement with the owners of the above referenced property for the purposes of detailing how the Town and the property owner may conduct this analysis and plan through a cooperative partnership". The motion was seconded by Mike Zaleski with all members voting in favor. Mr. Kuckro suggested that this item be placed on the November 16 Council agenda.

5) Executive Session – There was no business to discuss.

6) Other Business – Old Wethersfield

Mr. Kuckro commented on the recent newspaper article regarding Comstock Ferre and expressed his concerns about the future of this property and the commercial property vacancies in Old Wethersfield.

**Old Wethersfield Public Involvement** Motion made by Paul Thompson: "To support the effort to conduct a public participation process as recommended in the Old Wethersfield Master Plan". Motion seconded by Dan Camilliere with all members voting in favor.

On behalf of the Agency Mr. Kuckro expressed his thanks to outgoing Councilor Walsh for his exemplary work with the Redevelopment Agency, all members present supported this statement.

8) Meeting Minutes – Mr. Kuckro motioned to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

9) Next Meeting - Mr. Kuckro suggested that the Agency meet again on November 18, December 2 and 16.

10) Adjournment – Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm, Mr. Camilliere seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Gillespie

Town Planner