

Minutes
Redevelopment Agency
Wednesday, June 4, 2008
5:00 pm - Town Hall
Town Manager's Conference Room

1. **Call to Order** - Vice Chairman Daniel Camilliere called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call/Attendance** - Members in attendance: Daniel Camilliere - Vice Chair, Joseph Soja, Paul Thompson, and Michael Zaleski. Also in attendance: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager; and Peter Gillespie, Town Planner/Economic Development Manager.

Members absent: Lee Kuckro.

3. **Public Comments** -

Dr. Ken Sokolowski, 79 Main Street - Dr. Sokolowski said that Channel 3 covered the Redevelopment Agency's information meeting last year. He suggested that Channel 3 may be more likely to cover the June 11th forum if they were reminded of that, as Channel 3 sometimes is interested in doing follow-up stories.

4. **Approval of Minutes** - [May 21, 2008](#) - Mr. Camilliere asked if there were corrections needed for the draft minutes, and none were requested. Mr. Zaleski motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Camilliere seconded the motion and the vote showed all members in favor.
5. **Public Information Forum June 11th** - Mr. Gillespie said that he met with three of the forum speakers to prepare their forum presentations. Mr. Chandler (development consultant) will cover Town revenue and its tax base, trends, what type of development generally produces the most tax revenue, and compare Wethersfield's situation with other towns. Mr. Tuell (Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce) will discuss the scale of development that is both achievable and needed to have a significant effect on tax revenue. Mr. Carpentino (Rocky Hill Economic Development Director) will review common problems on Silas Deane Highway including the lack of sizable parcels means consideration of consolidating parcels, environmental barriers, etc.

Mr. Thompson said that the press release for the event had gone out about 10 days ago as planned, notices were posted on the cable TV public access channel scroller and the Town website, and e-mail messages were sent to the Chamber of Commerce and all Town Boards and Commission members. Mr. Gillespie said that he will publish an agenda for the forum, which is considered a special meeting of the Agency.

Ms. Therrien recommended that the presentations be user friendly and easy to understand. Mr. Thompson said that he will be recapping at the end to emphasize important points, and will tailor his remarks to address any points the audience did not seem to understand.

6. **Executive Session To Discuss Real Estate Matters** - Mr. Thompson motioned to go into executive session at 5:25 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. Mr. Zaleski seconded the motion and the vote showed all members in favor. During the executive session, the Agency members discussed real estate matters, and no votes were taken. Mr. Camilliere motioned to come out of the executive session at 6:02 p.m. and return to the regular agenda, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the vote showed all members in favor.
7. **Next Meeting Dates** -
 - o **Special Meeting** - Public Information Forum, June 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm, in the Silas Deane Middle School Auditorium
 - o **Regular Meeting** - June 18, 2008 at 5:00 pm. in Town Hall Conference Room #1.
8. **Correspondence** - Mr. Gillespie said that he had received notice from the State Brownfields Remediation and

Development Office that it is revamping its programs in the interest of redevelopment initiatives. Mr. Gillespie suggested that the Agency set-up a meeting with the Brownfields Office in the near future to see in which initiatives the Town may be able to participate.

9. **Call to Adjourn** - Mr. Camillere motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m., Mr. Zaleski seconded the motion, and the vote showed all members in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T. Sullivan
Agency Recording Secretary