

Minutes
Redevelopment Agency
Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2008
4:00 pm - Town Hall
Town Hall Conference Room #1

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman Lee Kuckro called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call/Attendance - Members in attendance: Lee Kuckro - Chair, Daniel Camilliere, Joseph Soja. Also in attendance: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager; and Peter Gillespie, Town Planner/Economic Development Manager.

Members absent: Paul Thompson, and Michael Zaleski

2. **Public Comments** - No one from the public was present.
3. **Approval of Minutes - [June 11, 2008](#)** - Mr. Kuckro asked if there were corrections needed for the draft minutes, and none were requested. Mr. Camilliere motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Soja seconded the motion and the vote showed all members in favor.
4. **Public Information Forum - September 17, 2008:** Mr. Kuckro stressed the fact that at this next forum the Agency needs to educate the community that in order to have a meaningful impact on the Town's budget we need to have some large scale projects occur. Additionally, Mr. Kuckro noted that our neighboring Towns have a substantially larger number of staff persons dedicated to Planning and Economic Development, for example Rocky Hill has 7 and Wethersfield has 2 staff and we need to discuss this at future budget sessions. Mr. Kuckro would also like some discussion on recent property value increases comparing Wethersfield to some of our neighboring Towns.

Mr. Soja would like to hear from the property owners and the issues facing them as they try to redevelop their properties.

Mr. Kuckro suggested that the Agency should publicly identify the various properties that have Redevelopment potential and the Agency should officially notify and inform these owners. Development scenarios should be presented so the public has some information on what types of projects these sites could generate.

Mr. Kuckro suggested that the Forum date be moved out to October.

Mr. Soja noted that Newington is getting involved in a Brownfields redevelopment project. Ms. Therrien will contact the Town Manager to find out more about the project.

5. **Mixed Use Zoning Overlay Committee** - Mr. Gillespie reported that he has not been able to schedule a date to get the subcommittee together to review the revised draft regulations. Mr. Kuckro suggested that some additional rewrite of the memo would help to explain the proposed approach to the zoning regulation amendments. Mr. Gillespie hopes to get the Committee together in the next week or so.
6. **Executive Session To Discuss Real Estate Matters** - Mr. Soja motioned to go into executive session at 4:40 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. Mr. Camilliere 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 5:00 p.m. and return to the regular agenda, Mr. Soja seconded the motion and the vote showed all members in favor.
7. **Next Meeting Date** - Mr. Kuckro noted that he has some conflicts with several of the upcoming meeting dates

and would like to reschedule some meetings. Mr Kuckro suggested that the July 16 meeting be rescheduled to the following week, Mr. Gillespie will contact all members to check availability. Mr. Kuckro suggested that the meetings start earlier at 4 pm.

8. **Correspondence** - Mr. Gillespie distributed copies of a memo from Ken Sokolowski dated July 2.
9. **Call to Adjourn** - Mr. Camilliere motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m., Mr. Soja seconded the motion, and the vote showed all members in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter D. Gillespie
Town Planner/Economic Development Manager