

MINUTES

NORTH HAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission held electronically on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, Richard LoPresti, Walter Mann, Frank Maher, Stephen Fontana, Robert Zambrano, Deb Moore

Absent:

Radha Prasad, Alan Sturtz

Also Present:

Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman
Ginny Kozlowski, REX
Barbara Malmberg, REX

Chairman Richard LoPresti called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone commenting that it was good to be meeting again after the hiatus due to the pandemic. Because not all members had received the draft of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2020 Mr. LoPresti tabled the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

ANNUAL CEDS UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti welcomed Barbara Malmberg and Ginny Kozolowski of the South Central Regional Economic Development Corporation (REX) who provided the Commission with their Annual update of the South-Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Ms. Malmberg and Kozolowski provided the Commission with a detailed presentation outlining the elements of the economic development strategy. The Commission discussed the presentation with Ms. Malmberg and Kozolowski.

FIRST SELECTMAN MICHAEL FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda provided the Commission with an update on various economic development projects he has been working on. He stated that during the pandemic many of the projects he had been working on were put on hold or lost. He has now been working to revive the various projects. He announced a few new openings about to happen, several emerging projects as well as some of the locations that still remain a problem for development.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti commented that he will be continuing the EDC meetings via ZOOM for the time being with the next meeting being on May 27th. Several members of the Commission

had various questions and comments on several of the projects in town as well as the Cedar Hills Tax District.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

With no additional business before the Commission Mr. Zambrano motioned with a second from Mr. Fontana to adjourn at 9:55 am.

VOTE: All in Favor