

MINUTES

NORTH HAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Stephen Fontana, Robert Zambrano, Deb Moore, Radha Prasad, Alan Sturtz

Absent:

Walter Mann

Also Present:

Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman

Chairman Richard LoPresti called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone commenting that it was nice that we could resume meeting in person.

Mr. Zambrano motioned with a second from Mr. Sturtz for the approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2020 regular meeting.

VOTE: All in favor

Ms. Moore motioned with a second from Mr. Prasad for the approval of the minutes of the April 22, 2021 regular meeting with the correction noted by Mr. Fontana of the spelling of Ms. Kozlowki's name.

VOTE: All in favor

Mr. Sturtz motioned with a second from Mr. Fontana for the approval of the 2022 Commission meeting dates:

VOTE: All in favor

Meetings will take place on fourth* Thursday of the month, at 8:30 am in the upstairs conference room # 1 of Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473. (*with the exception of November and December.)

January 27, 2022
February 24, 2022
March 24, 2022
April 21, 2022
May 26, 2022
June 23, 2022

July 28, 2022
August 25, 2022
September 22, 2022
October 27, 2022
November 17, 2022
December 15, 2022

The Commission entered into a discussion regarding the return of a Commission Breakfast for spring 2022 for the local businesses. Possible options for several potential venues in town were discussed. The Commission agreed that they would like to continue to hold the breakfast in North Haven, and will make every effort to do so. They also discussed ideas for topics to include on the agenda along with Mr. Freda's presentation. Mr. Freda noted that he would appreciate if the Commission members would aid Ms. Goodkin with the implementation of the event. Ms. Goodkin suggested that since invitations are sent via email it may be helpful if Commission members could visit some of the newer business personally and obtain emails and or extend invitations.

FIRST SELECTMAN MICHAEL FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda provided the Commission with an update on various economic development projects he has been working on. Although many of the projects had stalled due to the pandemic, 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 the Commission will continue to meet in person barring any changes in the status of the virus. Several members of the Commission had various questions and comments on several of the projects in town. Mr. LoPresti also suggested that since several members go on vacation in August that perhaps the August meeting should be cancelled and the Commission will resume meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

With no additional business before the Commission Mr. Zambrano motioned with a second from Ms. Moore to adjourn at 9:35 am.

VOTE: All in Favor