

MINUTES

NORTH HAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission held electronically on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Stephen Fontana, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Walter Mann, Deb Moore, Christine Reardon, Alan Sturtz, Robert Zambrano

Absent:

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Also Present:

Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman

Chairman Mann called the meeting to order and welcomed Chris Reardon as a new member to the Commission. Those who did not know Chris introduced themselves and Chris provided the Commission with some information about her background.

Following introductions, Mr. Mann asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting. Mr. Zambrano motioned with a second by Ms. Moore for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the EDC held on January 27, 2022.

VOTE: All in favor

Chairman Mann then opened the meeting to the members asking for suggestions for an Economic Development Commission Breakfast to hold in the fall. The members discussed potential dates and venues as well as the program. There being a lack of venues that could accommodate our needs, it appeared as though the Best Western may be the only viable location. The members also agreed to look to target the 18th, 19th, 20th or 27th of October to hold the breakfast. They discussed various ideas for the program.

Chairman Mann provided a brief summary prepared by Mr. Freda of several economic development projects in town and answered several questions from the Commission members.

Commission members discussed the current economic climate and the effect of the pandemic and internet sales versus brick and mortar retail, as well as the decline in the need for office space with more business being done remotely. They agreed that opportunity for development growth is strongest in healthcare, light manufacturing and technology.

With no new business before the Commission, Mr. Sturtz motioned with a second by Mr. Fontana to adjourn at 9:17 am.

VOTE: All in favor