

MINUTES

NORTH HAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission held electronically on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Walter Mann, Stephen Fontana, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Debra Moore, Robert Zambrano

Absent:

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, Christine Reardon, Alan Sturtz

Also Present:

Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman

Chairman Mann called the meeting to order at 8:41 am and welcomed the Commission members. Mr. Mann asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2022. Mr. LoPresti motioned with a second by Mr. Zambrano for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the EDC held on August 23, 2022..

VOTE: Mann – yes; Fontana yes; LoPresti – yes; Maher – yes; Moore – abstain; Zambrano - yes

Following the approval of the minutes, Chairman Mann moved to the next item on the agenda regarding a recap of the Chamber Business Showcase on September 22, 2022 at the Best Western Hotel. Mr. Mann and Ms. Goodkin provided an overview of the event and also North Haven's participation. Overall, attendance was down, perhaps due to weather. Our participation was mostly to support the Chamber.

Chairman Mann announced to the members that the Greater New Haven Chamber is holding their Big Connect Business Expo on November 17, 200 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Omni in New Haven. The Commission members discussed the event and whether or not it would be something the Commission will be participating in. Due to a lack of availability among the members the group decided that we would not participate.

Chairman Mann then proceeded to provide an update provided by First Selectman Freda of various economic development throughout the Town and discussion followed.

Discussion continued among the Commission members noting the sale of several businesses. Mr. Zambrano stated that he had sent the various Economic Development job descriptions along via email to Walter. The group asked if he could send to all.

Before concluding, Chairman Mann asked the members to think about venues for a potential spring Economic Development Breakfast.

With no further business before the Commission Mr. Fontana motioned with a second from Mr. Zambrano to adjourn at 9:17 am.

VOTE: All in favor