

# MINUTES

## NORTH HAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission held electronically on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

### **Members Present:**

Walter Mann, Stephen Fontana, Michael Freda, Richard LoPresti, Debra Moore, Christine Reardon

### **Absent:**

Alan Sturtz, Robert Zambrano, Robert Nielsen

### **Also Present:**

Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman  
Ray Andrewsen, Executive Director, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Mann called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and welcomed the Commission members. Mr. Mann asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2023. Richard LoPresti motioned with a second by Deborah Moore for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the EDC held on January 26, 2023.

**VOTE: Fontana – yes; Freda – yes; LoPresti – yes; Mann – yes; Moore – yes; Reardon – yes**

Chairman Mann welcomed Mr. Ray Andrewsen, Executive Director of the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce to address the group regarding updates on the North Haven Festival & Business Expo planned for September 23, 2023 on the North Haven green.

He updated the Commission on the event and shared several of the businesses that have agreed to be sponsors, with Sims Metal Management being the title sponsor. He discussed food vendors and entertainment. He also shared that they have a graphic designer who is preparing a logo and posters which should be ready by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He solicited participation from the Commission with regard to assisting with promotion and also soliciting local businesses to participate. The Commission discussed the event with Mr. Andrewsen asking questions and providing suggestions. Mr. Freda explained what Town resources would be available.

Mr. Freda provided his update of various economic development throughout the Town and discussion followed.

With no further business before the Commission Mr. LoPresti motioned with a second from Mr. Fontana to adjourn at 9:34 am.

**VOTE: All in favor**