

## MINUTES

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
SPRENKEL ROOM  
SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Chairperson Louise Neary, James Murray, Bill Jodice, Paul Burnham, Joseph Kennedy, Edwina Futtner, Susan Burnham, Dwight Johnson, John Mitchell (sat for Wayne Kilburn), Linda Jeski (arr. 7:33pm)

**ABSENT:** Wayne Kilburn, Alternates MJ Hockenberry and Mohammed Quaraishi

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairperson Neary called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Roll Call:** The above-mentioned members were introduced.
3. **Public Participation:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from Regular Meeting on 10/28/2015: A **motion** was made by Commissioner P. Burnham and **seconded** by Commissioner S. Burnham to approve the minutes of October 28, 2015 with the following correction:

Page 3 paragraph 2: remove '60 sq. ft. high'

*Motion was approved by majority.* Abstentions Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Futtner and Commissioner Murray

5. **Old Business:** None.
6. **Committee Report**

Report from Louise Neary and Sue Burnham - Discover South Windsor: Chairperson Neary is unaware of any meetings being held.

7. **Communications and Remarks**

Report from Louise Neary, Chairperson: Chairperson Neary expressed her appreciation at having Michele Lipe, Director of Planning, at the last meeting. A public hearing is scheduled for December 8 regarding Clark Estates II and a public hearing is scheduled for January 12 regarding Tall Oaks Acres Subdivision. The Star Center has submitted application to the Inland Wetlands Agency but a public hearing has not been scheduled.

## 8. New Business

2016 Meeting Schedule: A **motion** was made by Commissioner P. Burnham and **seconded** by Commissioner Jeski to approve the 2016 meeting schedule and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*

Election of Officers:

Nomination for chairman: A **motion** was made by Commissioner Mitchell and **seconded** by Commissioner Kennedy to nominate Commissioner Paul Burnham. *The secretary casts one ballot for Commissioner Paul Burnham.*

Nominate for vice chair: A **motion** was made by Commissioner Mitchell and **seconded** by Commissioner Futtner to nominate Commissioner Louise Neary. Commissioner Neary informed the commission that she will be missing January, February and possibly March meetings while in Florida. *The secretary casts one ballot for Commissioner Louise Neary.*

Nominate for secretary: A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jodice and **seconded** by Chairperson P. Burnham to nominate Commissioner Susan Burnham. *The secretary casts on ballot for Commissioner Susan Burnham.*

## 9. General Discussion

Chairperson Paul Burnham conducted the remainder of the business for the meeting.

- Chairperson P. Burnham received a call from 'Joe the Plumber', Joey Perras, who is interested in relocating his plumbing business. He'd like to erect building in back the old 'Pola' house for his trucks. He has already talked to someone in the town. The location is currently zoned mixed use and he plans to see if the house could be used for a lawyer's office. Mr. Perras felt he has gotten some resistance. Commissioner Kennedy believes that if he applied for a variance it would be successful. Chairperson P. Burnham will direct him to Peter DeMallie.
- CrossFit BrickYard expanded their building from 6,500 sq. ft. to 16,000 sq. ft. building.
- Chairperson P. Burnham spoke with liaison Carolyn Mirek about ways to provide recognition for businesses that aren't Chamber members when they've completed an expansion of their business. Commissioner Neary believes that many businesses aren't aware of the benefits of being a Chamber member. One of the benefits of Chamber membership is 2 free email blasts a month.
- The Business Expo was well attended. Commissioner Mitchell suggested that the commission needs money to rent a booth at next year's Expo.
- 25,000 sq. ft. of the old Hi-G building is being leased to an engine company.
- Staybridge (across from LA Fitness) has been invited to attend a meeting in order to give a presentation. Chairperson P. Burnham wants them to come to the January meeting to show plans and explain their project. A possible abatement application could be forthcoming. Commissioner Neary suggested notifying both Donna Thompson and Michele Lipe if they are added to the agenda for January.

- Van's R&V has been bought by Pete's R&V, a Vermont company, and are interested in expanding.
- Commissioner Jeski attended the Town Council meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015 and reported that many people in attendance complained about truck traffic passing through the town center at night. There was discussion about possibly tying abatement approval to an assurance that truck traffic would follow a designated path. But this idea may be hard to enforce. Commissioner Kennedy believes such limitations could dissuade companies from coming to town. Commissioner Futtner suggests that a designated route could be requested but not required to still gain compliance.

**10. Adjournment:** A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeski and **seconded** by Commissioner Futtner to adjourn at 8:09pm and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Catherine Potter**  
**Clerk**

**Approved with corrections: January 27, 2016**