



Economic Development Commission Branford, Connecticut
EDC Meeting Minutes July 21, 2021

Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room

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Present: Perry Maresca, Richard Sgueglia, John Leonard, Jamie Cosgrove, Elena Cahill, Al Canosa, Bill O'Brien
Remote: Cathy Lezon, Alisa Waterman

Call to order: Chairman Perry Maresca called the meeting to order at 8:04

Consent Agenda: Motion to accept by Al Canosa, second John Leonard

Selectman's Report: First Selectman reported on the Main Street construction work, the work being done at this point is the replacement of utilities. Also reported the 2.2 million dollars that was allocated for the Roundabout at the end of town has been cancelled and the money is now being used to reconstruct Main Street. This includes crosswalks, sidewalks as well as removing the old trolley tracks in the street before new paving is done. There will be an open house on the Town Green Thursday, 7/22, from 4:30 to 6:30 regarding this work. Also reported the town will receive 8 million dollars which will be used for infrastructure. Plans of reconstruction on Meadow Street is part of the goal. The first Selectman also stated the need to dredge the Branford river. There are plans in the works to get this done.

Planning and Zoning: Inlands Wetlands Commission currently reviewing possible new residential properties. There is a new proposed car wash located on North Main Street across from the Fire House. 14-16 Buckley Road, cluster homes for 55 and older continue with public hearing.

Chamber Report: Ellen Carucci reported that in person events are being scheduled. Net 90 is back. There will be a Net 90 meeting located at the Parthenon Diner on August 19. There will be a Business After Hours on July 27 at Calcagni Real Estate. The Women in Business meeting will be held in October and Ann Nyberg will be the MC.

Chairman's Report: The grant application for Exit 56 to reconstruct East Industrial Road is still in the running at the Federal level. Construction at 1151 West Main Street, future site of Aldi's and Chase Bank is well under way. 375 Main Street is moving forward with the construction of apartments on the property. Goodsell Point Marina moving forward with 15 new homes and listing prices starting around 1.2 million dollars. There is the start of construction work on East Main Street, near the Tilcon railroad bridge, for a new office/medical facility.

Research Committee: Al Canosa reported that the web site will now be turned over to Branford's IT department. Al and Rich will be setting up a meeting with the IT manager to finish the EDC Website.

New Business: Letter received that 56 Stony Creek Road will be torn down. A letter of resignation from the EDC has been received from Joe Gordon. Also, Bill O'Brien will also step down as a commission member as of July 2021

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned: 9:06, Motion to adjourn by Bill O'Brien, second Al Canosa

Next Meeting: September 15, 2021 No meeting in August

Perry Maresca
Chairman
Branford Economic Development Commission

Elena Cahill • Al Canosa • Joe Gordon • John Leonard • Cathy Lezon • Perry Maresca [chair] • William O'Brien • Richard Sgueglia • Alisa Waterman •
First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove [ex officio]

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