

**Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2009– 7:00 p.m.  
Colchester Town Hall**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chairman Bruce Goldstein, Steve Cohn, Kevin Burzycki, Paul Catalano, Andreas Bibiskos, Tom Crotty

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeffery Koonankeil, Chairperson Cathy Pompei

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Malsbenden, BOS Liaison, Kele Issa

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Vice-Chairman Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of the March 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** P. Catalano motioned to approve the March 18, 2009 meeting minutes, second by K. Burzycki. All members present voted in favor with T. Crotty abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Additions to the Agenda:** S. Cohn motioned to add New Business Item B. Economic Development Generally in Colchester and Old Business Item E. Survey of Main Street, seconded by K. Burzycki. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Public Comments:** None

**5. New Business:**

**A. Pierpont Plaza Expansion:** The plan to expand the plaza includes 21,000 sq. ft. with part of the expansion being an extension of Stop and Shop and part being a new separate building. The new building will need to look like Rockville Bank. The plan is short 20 parking spaces. The town is considering waiving the parking requirement for this project. The developer has been requested to complete a traffic study. A. Turner is concerned with the traffic flow at the light of the entrance. Empty spaces in the existing vacant buildings have been due to the poor economy. Quiznos will be going in one of the vacant spots. It is unclear at this time if a restaurant will be located in any of the additional spaces. P. Catalano pointed out that in the survey that was taken several months ago citizens would like a restaurant chain of some sort. A chain restaurant would also bring in additional people from out of town. The application for the expansion is expected to be submitted in June. Pedestrian access to Pierpont Plaza to the town green was discussed. It was felt that it would be nice if people could walk down to the new business that will occupy the expansion. Ease of walking could reduce some traffic flow. The Planning and Zoning department has been meeting with the state to discuss the traffic on Linwood Avenue.

**B. Economic Development Generally in Colchester:** A. Turner reviewed the Business Development Strategies portion of the Comprehensive Plan for the town. In the next couple months his department will be collecting data to revise the plan of development. A new plan is required in 2010.

**6. Old Business:**

**A. Review of letter of recommendation for Settler's Green – Tom Crotty:** Completed

**B. Criteria for honoring local business owners by EDC Commission – Cathy Pompei:** The idea of starting with past C-Tip applicants was considered.

**C. Website- Completion of C-Tip procedures online- Steve Cohn:** Completed

**D. Website- Status – Kevin Burzycki:** Completed. A. Turner will be adding statistical profile

**E. Survey for Main Street Businesses:** A. Turner will contact C. Pompei to discuss the proposed survey as discussed at the March meeting.

**7. Adjournment:** S. Cohn motioned to adjourn, seconded by K. Burzycki. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Dawn LePage, Clerk