

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Economic Development Commission

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**Regular Meeting
December 20, 2011**

**2012 JAN -3 A 8: Eaton E. Smith Meeting Room – Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

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MINUTES - Draft

Present: Chair Rich Leone, Cindy Rooth, Mimi Perrotti, Jamie Bell and Jon March.

Absent: Jack Solomon, Todd Schrage

Also Present: Jennifer Carducci, Recording Secretary; several members of the public.

1. Call to Order

Chair Leone called this regular meeting of the East Hampton Economic Development Commission at 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – 11-15-11 Regular Meeting and 10-18-11 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Rooth to approve the minutes of the 11-15-11 Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. Bell, Vote: Yes:5, No: 0, Abstain:0. Motion passed.

The minutes of the 10-18-11 Regular Meeting will be tabled until next month's meeting to have the four members present to approve.

3. Announcements

The Commission discussed the sale of the Artistic Mill Building and several new businesses.

4. Town Manager/Town Council Liaison – Town Manager not present.

Town Council members George Pfaffenbach and Glenn Suprono were present to advise the Commission they will be co-liaisons to this Commission.

5. Public Comments

Roy Gauthier asked regarding ownership of 82 Main. Latest information known is that bank owns and a property manager has been hired. The lower units will be brought up to code. The parking at the building continues to be an issue with any prospective purchasers. It is believed Public Works Director Hayden is looking into status.

6. Presentations – None

7. EDC Liaison Reports

Dave Monighetti was present to advise the Commission he is the new liaison to EDC from the Board of Finance.

Ms. Rooth reported she attended the last Planning and Zoning meeting. Ms. Perrotti advised she had attended a Town Council meeting and agreed to be EDC's liaison to Town Council.

After a short discussion, the Commission agreed that a full slate of liaison assignments will be discussed/assigned at the next regular meeting.

8. Old Business

Ms. Rooth discussed the Blight Ordinance, Home-Based Business Initiative, a future "business after work/before work (possible topic – insurance – she will speak with Finance Director Jylkka regarding Town's carrier).

The Parade was well-attended. The consensus of the Commission to begin next year's planning should start by May.

Chair Leone stated that the Congregational Church will try to shape up the tree. A suggestion was made to get more people to help with lights next year.

Business of the Month nominations and web site improvements were also discussed. Ms. Perrotti is interested in writing articles, communicating with the press, and suggested an "EDC Corner"-type repeating column.

9. New Business

Chair Leone discussed the artistic mill building as well as Epoch Arts. He will reach out to Elizabeth Namen.

Mr. March announced that he and Commissioner Schragger are working on items to be presented at next month's regular meeting.

10. Public Comments

Ms. Rooth initiated a discussion surrounding the "Map" at Century 21 property at Main and East High Streets. Efforts will be made to identify past information, updating efforts, ownership, etc.

11. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. Rooth to adjourn at 8:00, seconded by Ms. Bell, vote was unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carducci
Recording Secretary
12-27-11