

TOWN OF NEWTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
September 13, 2011
MINUTES

Chairwoman Logan called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Mr. Russo called the roll: Mr. Hayek, Dr. Woodhull, Dr. Clark, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Russo, Councilwoman Becker, and Chairwoman Logan were present. Absent – Mr. Zwahl, Ms. Joice.

Chairwoman Logan stated that the Open Public Meetings Act had been complied with.

Chairwoman Logan moved the minutes of May 10, 2011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Hayek. All were in favor. Minutes approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Russo distributed the new Town of Newton EDC Presentation Folder.
2. EDC discussed the successful grand re-opening of the Newton Theatre.
3. Mr. Russo advised the EDC that the new benches and bike racks have been placed on Spring Street with the new fido houses soon to follow. The wayfinding signs were shown to the EDC. The Town is waiting for the poles and brackets to come in. The Newton Rotary is in the process of ordering the 2 new flag poles for Spring Street as well.
4. Mr. Russo provided an update on the construction status for Thorlabs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Russo asked that EDC members email him new business suggestions for Spring Street so that the Town can mail the cover letter and brochure to businesses that we would like to see in town.
2. Mr. Russo advised the EDC that Meadowbrook Inventions is no longer interested in Paterson Avenue but is seriously considering a lease of the EJ Brooks property.
3. Mr. Russo advised the EDC that Main Street Newton has been replaced by a very active Spring Street Merchants Group.

4. Mr. Russo advised the EDC that The Plaza Restaurant is anticipated to be re-opened by October 31st. The Plaza will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and be open 6 days a week.
5. Discussion occurred on the Western Plaza paving update. Mr. Russo advised that the new drainage system is in and the milling/paving will be scheduled shortly along with the installation of the new green parking machine.

Open to the Public - No one from the public spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Woodhull, seconded by Dr. Clark. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is November 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas S. Russo, Jr.
Town Manager