

Economic Development Commission
January 12, 2010

Chairwoman Logan called the Economic Development Commission Meeting to order. Mrs. Millikin called the roll: Mr. Hayek, Mr. Prendergast, Dr. Woodhull, Dr. Clark, Mr. Zwahl, and Mrs. Logan were present. Mrs. Becker and Mr. Sheldon were also present. Chairwoman Logan stated that the Open Public Meetings Act had been complied with.

Mrs. Logan moved to the minutes. Chairwoman Logan made a motion to approve the minutes and were seconded by Mr. Prendergast. The minutes from November 10, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Chairwoman Logan moved to Reorganization. First was appointment of the Chairperson. Dr. Woodhull made a motion to appoint Mrs. Logan and was seconded by Dr. Clark. No other nominations being made Mrs. Logan was appointed Chairwoman by a unanimous "aye" vote.

Second was appointment of Vice Chairperson. Dr. Woodhull made a motion to appoint Mr. Zwahl and was seconded by Dr. Clark. No other nomination being made Mr. Zwahl was appointed Vice Chairman by a unanimous "aye" vote.

Third was appointment of Secretary. Dr. Woodhull made a motion to appoint Mrs. Millikin and was seconded by Dr. Clark. No other nominations being made Mrs. Millikin was appointed Secretary by a unanimous "aye" vote.

Next was appointment of the two newspapers of record. Chairwoman Logan made a motion for the newspapers of record to be the Sunday Herald and the NJ Herald and was seconded by Dr. Woodhull. The two newspapers of record were unanimously approved by an "aye" vote.

The final item under reorganization were the meeting dates for 2010. The dates are: January 12, 2010, March 9, 2010, May 11, 2010, July 13, 2010, September 14, 2010, and November 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Chairwoman Logan made a motion to approve the dates and were seconded by Mr. Zwahl. The meeting dates were approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

Chairwoman Logan moved to New Business finalizing the business folder. First page discussed was the Mission Statement Page. Discussion ensued and the Commission felt the page looked great except something should be put in near the end of the page about tailoring businesses for the local residents.

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Next item was Town Profile. Discussion ensued. The Commission felt that the last two paragraphs should be incorporated into the Planning and Zoning Section of the folder. Dr. Woodhull made a suggestion of incorporating infrastructure such as: water, sewer, gas, etc. Also placing more information on the demographics on the Town. Focus should be put on the two major highways in Newton and how they connect to Route 80. Housing information, senior care, hospital, police, fire department. Mr. Zwahl suggested adding in Town Council Meeting dates as well. Mrs. Millikin indicated she would work on this page and send it out for everyone's review.

Planning and Zoning section was the next item discussed. Dr. Woodhull questioned if a use variance could be explained in this section. Mrs. Millikin described a quick synopsis of a use variance and indicated this would be added to this section. Mr. Zwahl stated something should be put in about where applications for the Planning Board and Zoning Board can be obtained. Mrs. Millikin indicated she would also add the process for Waivers of Site Plan.

Next was the Business section. Mr. Prendergast stated the only addition he would add in which to work in live. There were no other issues with this section.

The final section was Recreation. Discussion ensued about additional information in about galleries, restaurants, antiques, retailers. A focus might need to be on local business and entertainment. Chairwoman Logan questioned maybe adding information in on community service and churches. Also there might be a need to add some information in about the Dennis Library.

Mrs. Millikin indicated she would send out the sections to everyone within the next couple of weeks. An action list would be put together with the sections for everyone's review.

Mr. Zwahl questioned if anything was going on with eminent domain in Town. Mrs. Millikin indicated the only site in Town were there could be potential eminent domain is at 56 Sparta Avenue. At this time she is not aware the Town will be using eminent domain on this property.

Dr. Woodhull questioned reaching out to businesses to send the demographic folder too. It was decided at the next meeting that each member

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should bring some ideas of businesses to approach with the demographic information and packet that will be put together.

There being no other information to discuss Chairwoman Logan made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Prendergast. The Economic Development Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin
Deputy Town Manager