

**Town of Cromwell
Economic Development Commission**

Regular Meeting
6:30pm Thursday, May 21, 2015
Room 224/5 Cromwell Town Hall

Minutes and Record of Votes

Present: Chairman Dick Nobile, Robert Jahn, Joe Fazekas, Stanley Stachura,

Also Present: Town Planner Stuart Popper

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairman Nobile
2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates
The above members were noted.
3. Approval of Agenda

A **motion** was made by Robert Jahn and **seconded** by Stanley Stachura to approve the agenda. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

4. Public Comments - none
5. New Business

Mr. Popper said that they paid a visit to Scoville's landscaping this morning. It said it was a good visit and they have a very interesting new end of business. He said Fiber Dust will be renting quite a bit of the building they purchased on New Lane and will have greenhouses for demos of the product. He said they also stopped by the Tea Room and she is doing well there too.

He said they are still working on Sebethe Drive and that is moving along. He said they are working with the State Traffic Commission.

6. Town Planners Report

Mr. Popper said things are moving along and he is hearing lots of good news. He said the building department has been moving along well with permits. He said the new approved applications are listed on the memo in your package.

7. Economic Developers Report

Mr. Popper reviewed his report dated May 13, 2015.

8. Old Business
 - a. North Tier STEAP Grant
 - b. New STEAP Grant Application

Mr. Popper said the state has awarded the STEAP grant's on a rolling basis and issued some in April but nothing since then. He did confirm that the previous grant will be used in its entirety.

9. Communications: (see attached P & Z minutes)

Mr. Fazekas said the Redevelopment Agency has been meeting and had a public hearing in April. He said we discussed ideas for possible sites for redevelopment. He said that Mr. Popper is going to provide the agency with samples of mission statements so we can hone in on ideas. He said the next meeting is June 10th not June 7th.

10. Chairman's Comments/Commissioner's Comments –

Mr. Stachura said that it sounds like everything is plugging ahead and he is supportive. Mr. Fazekas said he is pleased the town council didn't renew the 5 year lease at the waterfront. He said this is a good time to work with them. Mr. Jahn asked about a phase 2 study by the river. Mr. Popper said they haven't heard from the state and he would recommend putting the study in the budget next year. Chairman Nobile said Middletown received a huge grant towards the waterfront. There was a discussion on the Middletown plans.

Mr. Jahn asked if the blight regulations have been updated and if they apply to residential, business or both. He asked if this group can get The Town Council to act on these regulations. Mr. Popper said anyone can call with a complaint and it's doesn't fall under the purview of the Town Council. Mr. Jan said he is referring to the Court Street barn. Mr. Popper said he knows they are working on it. Mr. Jahn also said there is a piece of property north of the Branciforte property that needs to be taken care of. He said it is a piece of land between Arborio's and the business up the hill. He said that strip is overgrown with wild sumac. Mr. Popper said he is happy to look into it.

11. Approval of Minutes

a. April 16, 2015

A **motion** was made by Robert Jahn and **seconded** by Joe Fazekas to approve the minutes of April 16, 2015. *Robert Jahn, Chairman Nobile and Joseph Fazekas approved; Stanley Stachura abstained. The motion passed.*

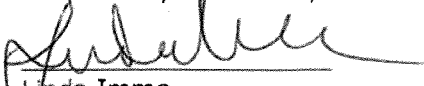
12. Good and Welfare

Mr. Popper said that he had the signs rebuilt at no cost. He said they plan to put them out on June 12th. Mr. Fazekas said he is hopeful for the Nike site in June. Chairman Nobile asked if they were doing anything for the golf tournament and Mr. Popper said just the signs. Mr. Popper said the budget was approved and they have a live video company that is going to shoot the area for points of interest like ballfields and greenhouses.

13. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Joe Fazekas and **seconded** by Robert Jahn to adjourn at 6:56 pm. *All were in favor; the motion was passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Imme
Recording Clerk