

**Town of Cromwell
Economic Development Commission**

Regular Meeting
6:30pm Thursday, September 15, 2016
Room 219, Cromwell Town Hall

Minutes and Record of Votes

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Present: Chairman Dick Nobile, Joseph Fazekas Robert Jahn, Jay Polke, and Stanley Stachura

Also Present: Stuart Popper, Director of Planning and Development

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nobile at 6:32 pm.

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Public Comments – none

5. New Business:

a. Discussion of Trade Show Booth Display Materials

Mr. Popper said that the new trade show booth materials will be available for the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Expo on October 11, 2016.

b. Discussion of Tax Abatements

Mr. Popper said that the owner of Cobblestone Plaza asked us to consider offering tax abatements to Advanced Auto Parts a retail operation. Mr. Popper said he wants to know if this Commission will support this type of abatement. He said the issue is the language in the current tax abatement program. Mr. Popper said we would have to modify the language to permit the granting of tax abatements to retail operations. The Commission members discussed the idea and suggested Mr. Popper discusses this with the Town Attorney.

A **motion** was made by Joseph Fazekas and **seconded** by Robert Jahn to direct Mr. Popper to review this issue with the Town Attorney. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Mr. Popper said he will receive an application next week for a retail site on the Milane's property which will be subdivided by two separate entities.

6. Director of Planning and Development's report

a. Discussion of RFP for 60 and 61 River Road

Mr. Popper explained that the Town Council has directed him to prepare and advertise an RFP for 60 and 61 River Road. He said that through a Request for Qualifications process, it is the objective of the Town to identify a preferred developer or development company to purchase or lease and develop 61 River Road. Stuart Popper said that 60 River Road will contain water oriented recreation and commercial uses and shall be developed as a joint public and private partnership between the Town and the developer.

The Commission members discussed the RFP and the types of development they would like to see in that area. Mr. Popper talked about the time line for the RFP and the selection process in general

7. Old Business

a. Northern Tier STEAP Grant

Mr. Popper said we are still waiting to confirm the final amount of money remaining after all the bills have been paid.

8. Communications: (see attached P & Z minutes, Redevelopment Agency Minutes)

9. Chairman's Comments/Commissioners' Comments

Commissioners discussed various developments in town. Mr. Jahn asked that the Commissioner's receive a copy of Mr. Curtin's Permit Report.

10. Approval of Minutes

a. June 16, 2016

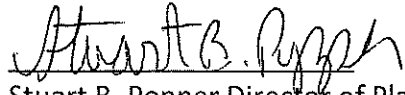
A **motion** was made by Joseph Fazekas **seconded** by Robert Jahn to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016. *Mr. Stachura abstained All others were in favor; the motion passed.*

11. Good and Welfare

12. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Stan Stachura and **seconded** by Jay Polke to adjourn at 7:18pm. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stuart B. Popper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stuart B. Popper Director of Planning and Development
Acting Recording Clerk