

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 pm THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18th, 2016
ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES**

Present: Stanley Stachura Jr., Robert Jahn, and Jay Polke

Absent: Chairman Richard Nobile, Joseph Fazekas

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Robert Jahn 6:31 pm.

2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Stanley Stachura made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Jay Polke **seconded** the motion.
All were in favor; the motion passed.

4. Public Comments

No Public Comments

5. Director of Planning and Development's Report

Stuart Popper stated that the Cromwell X-Pect store would be closing and that they are currently looking for new tenant to take over the space. X-Pect will most likely be making an announcement soon and is expected to be closed by April 1st, 2016.

Cobblestone Plaza was still looking for a development and will not be making a formal announcement as of yet.

The budget for all agencies had been submitted. In addition, he is working on updating the Cromwell Economic Development website.

The next round of business visitations need to be scheduled.

Robert Jahn requested copies of the budget for everyone. He also asked Stuart Popper about the development on Sebethe Drive which Stuart Popper reported is currently on hold but is still being pursued.

A discussion ensued about the possible application by ZBA for a Special Permit to use the Knights of Columbus.

6. New Business

A formal request for funding for Phase II of Frisbee Park has been made.

The Phase II assessment was included in Capital Improvements.

Town manager requested the Town Engineer and Stuart Popper to look for additional access point to the river, which was discussed at the Redevelopment Meeting. After meeting with the Director of the Mattabassett Sewer district and staff, they determined there were problems with using the easement as an access point and are currently looking for alternate access points. A discussion ensued regarding the alternatives and some possible issues with the alternatives. Stanley Stachura elaborated on the benefits of additional parking, specifically in regards to alleviating traffic.

Stuart Popper received proposals for Cromwell Landing Park. Two specific ideas are currently being reviewed. A discussion ensued regarding the liability involved with the two proposed structures. Stanley Stachura brought up the possibility of running into problems with cutting down trees in that area. Other issues, including strong currents, were briefly discussed.

7. Old Business:

Stuart Popper reported that the reconstruction of County Line Drive was complete and that it looks good. He reiterated that he had submitted the 2016 STEAP grant application for the intersection improvements at County Line Drive and Shunpike Road on January 15th, 2016.

There are significant discussions occurring regarding the Town Garage and the Transfer Station, but there is no news to report.

8. Communications:

The Planning and Zoning Commission continues its work on the Nike site Public Hearing which will occur on March 1st, 2016.

Robert Jahn asked whether there would be more than one entry/exit to the development. Stuart Popper responded that there will be an emergency access from Evergreen Road. Space was set aside during the development of Evergreen Road for the purposes of an emergency access if and when the Nike site was developed.

No new information on the Redevelopment Agency.

9. Chairman's Comments/Commissioner's Comments

Stuart Popper spoke briefly about the Northern Tier.

Stuart Popper reported that we won the lawsuit about property on Field Road and that the other side plans to appeal the decision.

10. Approval of Minutes: January 21st, 2016

Stanley Stachura made a **motion** to approve the 1/21/16 minutes. Jay Polke **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

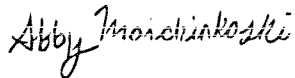
11. Good and Welfare

A discussion occurred about the issues with having the EDC formally support the Nike Site Development.

12. Adjourn

Jay Polke made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Stanley Stachura **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Abby Marchinkoski
Recording Clerk