

**Town of Cromwell
Economic Development Commission**

Regular Meeting
6:30pm Thursday, January 21, 2016
Room 224/5 Cromwell Town Hall

Minutes and Record of Votes

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

Absent: Joseph Fazekas

Also Present: Town Council Liaison Al Waters and Director of Planning and Development 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

5. Director of Planning and Development's Report

New Businesses

Fantastic Sam's Hair Salon opened at 51 Shunpike Road in the Kmart Shopping Center. RBI's Training Center (baseball training facility) opened at 14 Alcap Ridge.

Small Town Economic Assistance Program

I have been working on the STEAP Grant application. We will be submitting an application for \$500,000 to construct the intersection improvements at County Line Drive and Shunpike Road. The Grant will be submitted on January 15, 2016.

Business Visitations

We had a great visit to the Carey Manufacturing Company at 5 Pasco Hill Road on Wednesday December 16, 2016. The January business visitation will be at 9:00 am on Wednesday January 20, 2016.

Cromwell Landing Park

The Town Engineer and I met with Sue Bailey from the Connecticut DEEP Office of Long Island Sound on Wednesday December 30, 2015. We visited the park and discussed permit requirements. The Town Engineer and I met with Keith Neilson, PE from Docko Incorporated on Monday January 4, 2016 and Keith Lundgren from Terry Company on Friday January 8, 2015 to discuss possible design, construction and permits for the development of a boardwalk/pier at Cromwell Landing Park.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The following applications were approved by the PZC at the January 5, 2016 meeting:

- Application 15-45: Request to modify the existing Special Permit for Signage (Section 5.3.B.2 (2) at 31 Berlin Road. Replace existing pump price toppers with electronic numbers. Carolyn Parker is the Applicant and Cumberland Farms Inc. is the Owner.
- Application #16-01: Request to Modify the Existing Site Plan for Watrous Park by Installing a Splash Pad. The Town of Cromwell is the Applicant and the Owner.
- Application #07-23: Pondview Subdivision: 8-24 Mandatory Referral for a Request to Accept Deming Lane and Robbie Road as Town Roads.
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:
- Application #15-47: Request to amend the Zoning District from R-25 to PRD for the 8.75 acre site Parcel Identification Number # 0033600 (also known as the Nike Site) at the end of Country Squire Drive. Belfonti Companies is the Applicant and Country Squire Site LLC is the Owner.

6. New Business:

- a. Discussion of EDC's Request to Town Council to fund Phase II Environmental Assessment of for Frisbee Park in 2016
- b. Discussion of Request to Town Council for Funding of Riverfront Study (see attached RFP)

The Commission members discussed that the Town Council meeting on Wednesday January 13, 2016. The Town Council thanked the EDC for their request for funding of the Phase II Environmental Assessment for Frisbee Park. The Town Council recommended that the request be incorporated into the proposed 2016-2017 budget. The Town Council also recommended that the Redevelopment Agency's request for a River access study also be incorporated into the proposed 2016-2017 budget.

7. Old Business:

- a. North Tier STEAP Grant

Stuart Popper said the reconstruction of County Line Drive is done and the road looks good. He said the 2016 STEAP grant program application for the intersection improvements at County Line Drive and Shunpike Road was submitted on January 15, 2016.

8. Communications: (see attached PZC and Redevelopment Agency minutes)

9. Chairman's Comments/Commissioner's Comments

Robert Jahn mentioned the current plans by the Board of Education to look at the physical conditions of the existing schools and the needs in the future. Bob is very concerned about the impact this planning could have on the town. Robert said he felt that the EDC should be represented on the committee doing these studies. The members discussed the proposed studies underway by the Board of Education and the role played by other town boards and agencies during and after the studies.

10. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 17, 2015

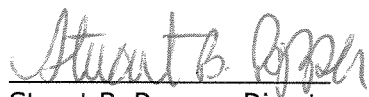
A **motion** was made by Robert Jahn and **seconded** Chairman Dick Nobile to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015. Stanley Stachura **abstained**. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

11. Good and Welfare

12. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Stanley Stachura and **seconded** by Jay Polke to adjourn at 7:08 pm. *All were in favor; the motion was 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