

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission
April 19, 2012 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr, Lynda Montefusco, Caroline d'Otreppe, Brian Banak
Absent: R. Tracy, S. Thorner, G. Smith
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman Orr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The minutes of the March 15 meeting were accepted as printed and distributed.

Ff Tyler Place Redevelopment – Mr. Robert J. Camoin, Camoin Associates, was present. He gave the Commission an overview of the preliminary gathering of data and information and interviews of interested parties. One of the questions is how to succeed with the redevelopment with out a fiscal impact to the tax payers. And yet develop the property so that it would be a tax asset to the Town. It would have to be a partnership with a developer and the Town. With the market demand currently, the project would proceed in phases.

The First Selectman arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Mr. Camoin distributed to the Commission a report, Ff Tyler Place Costs & Benefit by Stakeholder. He reviewed this report, in some detail, noting what each stakeholder wanted, what he would have to give up, and hopefully what the stakeholder would get. It appears to be the consensus of most developers that the Highway Garage would have to be re-located. The First Selectman noted that the Cell Tower and the Salt Shed would remain as is. Mr. McMahon noted that the wetlands will have to be reflagged. The \$137,500 requested of ACCE for 1/2 the cost of road re-construction was not included in the proposed budget for 2012-13. Mr. Camoin is making a formal presentation to Town officials April 20.

Town Center activities: Mr. McMahon reported that a Request for Proposals for the use of Bridge Street School was sent out April 18. The return date is scheduled for June 15 and a walk through will be held May 3. One requirement is that the school building be preserved.

The Kent Memorial Library will reopen to the residents, Saturday, April 28. The Town will file an application for a Small Cities grant for \$500,000 for ADA improvements at the Library.

The Town has also filed a grant application to the CT. Trust for Historic Preservation for \$50,000 for the development of a Historic Action Plan for the Suffield Main Street Area.

A Farmers' Market at Ebbs Corner in West Suffield has been approved. This Farmers' Market will be open only on Sundays and not compete with the Farmers' Market in Town which is open on Saturdays.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.MINUTES.April.19.2012