



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Minutes: The Economic Development Commission, Town of Hamden, will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30pm

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1. Call to order/Roll call –

- **In attendance:** Chairman Donald Moses, Director Erik Johnson, Commissioner Anthony Sacchetti, Commissioner Dan Smolnik, Commissioner Kenneth Good, Commissioner Dashone Hughey
- **Members of the public in Attendance:** Eileen DeVries, Sarah Clark, Donald Levy

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting minutes – Approval of the previous meeting minutes has been tabled due to the lack of reviewing the minutes

3. Chairman Report –

- Business community update – The middle school that is planned to become an Art & Cultural Center has received funding
- Chairman Moses wishes to move the following items to “New Business”
 - Economic Alliance – The commission continues to build an alliance with various other commissions in order to contribute to the revitalization plan. They are also working with neighboring universities to be able to have feasibility studies in order to develop a plan

that identifies the current status of Hamden's economic situation. The commission is also working with neighboring businesses and lending institutions.

- Economic revitalization – The overall goal is to work with small businesses
- Information Technology – To provide access to wifi and technology.

4. Executive Director Report

- a. High Meadows RFP – Next steps
- b. **Economic Development Department Budget Focus:**
 - Working with the chamber regarding employers and figure out what their needs are in regards to gaining more prospective employees
 - Figure out a way for people within town to communicate with each other and understand what is happening within the town.
- c. **Commercial Corridor Update** – In the current action plan, a program has been carved out in order to assist existing businesses. The funds are limited to the eligible CDBG area. Until council approves its use of ARPA dollars, the program can not move forward.
- d. **Former Hamden Middle School Update** – Director Johnson reports that the town has made application to the state for funding the demolition and the development of the cultural campus.
- e. **Assessment Deferral Committee** (455 Sherman Ave) Under state statute, if you purchase a property and intend to make improvements costing over a certain amount, the assessment is frozen and any additional taxes can be phased in over a span of 5 years. This process is typically approved by the Economic Development Committee
- f. **CDBG Annual Action Plan Schedule and Update** – The annual action plan require input from the community as to how the budget will be spent. A notice was posted and there are two public hearings scheduled in the future. Funds are typically used to provide funding for public service agencies, to create grants for small businesses, infrastructure projects and renovations to residential developments.

5. Old Business

- Chairman Moses would like to reiterate the importance of each member of the Commission reviewing the minutes. He also asks that each commissioner review the Revised Town Charter

- Requirements of the Charter to establish a time limit for public comments during commission meetings
- Submission requirements for public comments will also be discussed in future commission meetings

6. New Business

- The 3rd item on the Agenda moving forward will be “Public Comments

7. Adjournment - Chairman Moses Adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm