

Town of Durham, CT

Economic Development Commission

Minutes

A special meeting of the EDC was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 7 PM, at the library lower level, both the Chair, Rick Hanley, and the Secretary, Carl Montagano, being present.

The chair welcomed the group. All board members were present, including Peter Cascini, Gary Sheldon, Jerry Lipchus, and Diana McCain. Most EDC strategy stakeholders were absent.

The group completed review of the remaining sections of Brian Miller's memo dated July 20, 2007, containing revised Draft Recommendations. The (See separate attachment reflecting the updates from the group, as highlighted in red.)

Diana McCain moved that the revised draft strategy be distributed, via email, to all stakeholders by 11/27(at least two weeks prior a special meeting on December 11th). All comments should either go to the secretary, via email or phone, or be delivered in person at the meeting on 12/11. Meeting materials should be re-sent to stakeholders on 12/4 (one week prior to the meeting). The motion was adopted after debate.

The group postponed discussion on the 2007/2008 EDC budget, until the Chair could obtain additional information.

The Chair provided the group with an update re: the closing of the Academy at Durham (Lake Grove). Roughly 140 jobs were lost when the facility closed. The First Selectman, James McLaughlin has advised the Chair that another party has expressed interested in either purchasing or leasing Lake Grove for similar use, but to date, no response has been provided by the current owner of Lake Grove.

The meeting adjourned at roughly 8:00pm

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