

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a special meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Deputy Mayor Gamble, Councilors Neuwirth, Rivers and DeLorenzo

Also present were: India Rodgers, Clerk of Council, Jose Giner, Director of Planning & Economic Development

Absent was: Councilor Washington

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Discussion regarding property renovations on Bloomfield Avenue

Deputy Mayor Gamble mentioned a property near Ruby Tuesday's on the east side of Bloomfield Avenue that has been in renovation mode for several months.

Mr. Jose Giner take a look at this property as well as properties on Park Avenue, Stuart Drive, Prospect Street and East Wintonbury Avenue.

Discussion regarding the branding of Bloomfield Center

There was a merchant's meeting with Tom Hickey who is interested in developing a marketing campaign for the Bloomfield Center.

Councilor Neuwirth will attend the next merchant's meeting and give a report at the next Land Use & Economic Development subcommittee meeting.

Several individuals have inquired about development on the vacant train lot on Seneca Road. Mr. Giner has the contacted the owner of the property and he is not willing to consider any development at this time.

Consider and Take Possible Action regarding blighted concerns with S.O.S. Electric

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that there may be some minor occupancy of S.O.S. Electric. The owner is retired and stores items there occasionally.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that she has spoken with several residents of the South Cottage Grove Road neighborhood and was informed that they do have MDC water connection. However, no storm drains or sewer services in the area. If there is an upgrade completed in this area, the town could attract new business developments.

The Blue Hills Avenue Gateway improvements were submitted for pending bond commission funding by State Representative David Baram.

Mr. Joe Suggs and Calmar Corporation would like to propose 120 affordable housing units on excess land behind the Board of Education headquarters on Blue Hills Avenue.

Old Business

Deputy Mayor Gamble inquired about the property located on Maple Avenue. It was noted that this property is still in court and there is a current proposal for a contractor to clean up the property.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor DeLorenzo, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.