

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a special meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, June 15, 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 Washington, DeLorenzo and Mayor Schulman

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

Absent was: Councilor Neuwirth and Rivers

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

Brief Presentation from Business & Economic Incentives (Amy Gerber)

Mr. Jose Giner, Director of Planning & Economic Development stated that Ms. Gerber will not present at the meeting. There are some preliminary discussions that need to take place prior to a formal presentation to Council.

Discussion regarding the Status Update for Wintonbury Mall

Mr. Giner stated that a tentative auction date was set for July 2, 2015. However, it has been postponed until late August, early September. There is positive cash flow with rental payments from current tenants to maintain viability of the property.

The property management company is willing to make necessary minor improvement to enhance the value of the property for patrons.

In addition, there was also some brief discussions about taking on new tenants to rent space.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Gamble inquired about a status update on the closure of Park Avenue pizza. It was noted that one of the restaurant owner expressed some personal issues to the reasoning for possible closing the restaurant. Mr. Giner will follow up with the owner on their current status and plans for possible closure.

The Economic Development Commission stated that they would like to receive written reports from Goman & York on their progress in developing economic development with the town.

The Land Use Subcommittee members are also requesting monthly status reports from Goman & York for review.

The Niagara Water Bottling Company are looking at the possibility of coming to Bloomfield with their new distribution plan. They are currently discussing options with the town.

Deputy Mayor Gamble mentioned that a town resident would like to open a small urgent care center on Seneca Road in Bloomfield.

The subcommittee had a brief discussion regarding the status of the East Coast Greenway and Bike Way as a potential link to economic development in the center of town.

The Filley Park project is underway with approval of Phase I. This phase will be going out to bid very soon.

Legislature passed streetscape and sidewalk and tax incentive financing policies for municipalities.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor DeLorenzo, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.