

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 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 Merritt, Neuwirth, DeLorenzo and Rivers

Also present were: William Hogan, Director of Finance and Acting Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent were: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager and Thom Hooper, Director of Planning

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Referral

FY 14/15-08: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Noise Ordinance – Chapter 3, Article II, §3-18 (d) and §3-19 (b)

Councilor DeLorenzo inquired about the definition on an “unreasonable” level of noise. It was noted that when noise is disturbing to residents that is loud and distracting.

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor DeLorenzo and voted unanimously to hold a Public Hearing on October 14, 2014 at 7:35 p.m. to make changes to the Noise Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

Blue Hills Avenue Corridor

The committee discussed proposed improvements on Blue Hills Avenue. The VFW site was purchased in the spring by a new owner in Tax Sale. The new owner is awaiting to official take the title after October 2014 to demolish and renovate the property. Attorney Needelman is negotiating with the new owners of the old Hinds sign building and abutting property owners.

Councilor Neuwirth suggested an architectural design of the Blue Hills Avenue corridor. The town needs to confirm from the State of Connecticut if the initial façade funds can be reapropriated for streetscape improvements.

This item will be referred to the November subcommittee meeting. An invitation will be sent to Attorney Shawn Council and Mr. Joseph Suggs.

Status of the Valco Property

Councilor Neuwirth inquired about the status of the property and redevelopment plans. This property has been on the town's blighted list for several years. There is no current plan in place for developing this property. Mr. Don Gersham, new owner was granted a "Brownfield Grant" in the amount of \$900,000.

Councilor Merritt inquired about the possibility to remove the electric shop.

It was moved by Councilor DeLorenzo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gamble and voted unanimously to place this item for a status update of the Valco Property for the next scheduled Council meeting, September 22, 2014.

Business Recognition

The committee decided to recommend the following business for recognition:

- The Republic Restaurant
- Carbone's Restaurant
- Simsbury Bank

Councilor Neuwirth suggested to contact the President of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce about other businesses that warrant recognition.

Councilor Neuwirth also recommended that the Economic Development consultants from Goman & York should be invited to attend the next subcommittee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor DeLorenzo and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.