

The West Haven Economic Development Commission held a regular meeting on February 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, Conference Room, 355 Main St., West Haven, CT

PRESENT: Economic Development Commissioners Gallo, Christine Gallo, Grand, Kaplow and Voss. Barbara Malmberg and Ginny Kozlowski, REX; P & Z Commissioners Hendricks, Cohen, Mullins; Inland Wetland Commissioner Carr and Commissioner of Planning and Development Riccio.

1. Approval of minutes: Commissioner Voss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 4, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Grand and passed.
2. Presentation by Rex Development-Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

An introduction and PowerPoint presentation was given describing REX (Regional Economic Xcelleration) and what the organization does. This company identifies economic areas in the South Central Regional district. Six areas and 29 objectives have been identified in West Haven: Regional Marketing & Communication; infrastructure; business development and retention; workforce enhancement & Housing; real estate, land use and sustainability and funding and implementation. An overview was given of growing regional tech companies and other opportunities available such as classes being offered at Gateway. Statistics were presented regarding the location of the existing tech and bioscience companies per county. Progress is being made toward the objectives and goals. Discussions centered on the lack of lab space that is available in the New Haven County. An overview was given of each town's economic development commissions and how active some of these commissions are and what they are working towards to increase the economic status of their town.

3. Update on Economic Development Projects. –
An update was given on the following projects: The Haven. There are four properties that are still in negotiations. Meetings will be held over the next 30 days to decide if eminent domain will be enforced.
Attwood project has received City Council approval.
Armstrong Building is under contract from a developer from Fairfield.
Monies have been asked for the Route 1 corridor and streetscaping.
Walkway from the railroad station to Yale West.

4. ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 p.m