

**THOMASTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

Members Present: Jeff Dunn, Chairman; Matt Stancavage; Blain Rogozinski; Dave Reynolds; Pat Santa Maria; Ralph Celone; 7:09 pm Michael O'Sullivan

Others Present: Atty. DiPentima; Paul & Christine Yoos; Tom Battiste; Robby Piazzaroli, Watertown Town Times

J. Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A motion was made by B. Rogozinski and seconded by D. Reynolds to move into Executive Session at 7:04 pm to discuss an FOI complaint with Atty. DiPentima. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by B. Rogozinski and seconded by D. Reynolds to move out of Executive Session at 7:33 pm with no action taken. Motion unanimously passed.

Minutes:

A motion was made by B. Rogozinski and seconded by M. O'Sullivan to amend the minutes from Thursday, February 4, 2010 to include M. Stancavage present at the meeting and to approve them. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

Agenda Item A - Review of application for 142 East Main St., Darryl Maslak

The Commission reviewed D. Maslak's abatement application and his project costs sheet. J. Dunn reported that he and M. Madow visited the site and it is all set for the Commission's our final review.

A motion was made by M. O'Sullivan and seconded by P. Santa Maria to accept the tax abatement application from D. Maslak (TRC Properties, LLC) and recommend a 3 year 25% tax abatement for the 142 East Main St. property and to recommend that the Board of Selectmen stay with the proposal of 3 years at 25%. Motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item B - Creation of Sub-Committees

J. Dunn discussed creating various sub-committees within the Commission and asked members to present their suggestions at next month's meeting. The sub-committees discussed were;

- Public Relations
- Application review
- Discussions with landlords regarding improvements
- Gateway signage
- Needs of business and commercial property owners
- Date base creation of properties

Old Business: None

Communications:

J. Dunn received a postcard from Tom Hill congratulating him on the Chairmanship.

The Building and Land Use Dept. received a call from someone who would like to move his injection molding business to Thomaston, but wants to know what type of competition is in the area. J. Dunn will contact the owner for more information.

E. Mone is going to ask someone from Greener Corners (a recycling program) to speak to EDC about the placement of recycle bins throughout the Town.

J. Dunn opened the meeting to public comments;

P. Yoos commented that public comments were taken off of the last 3 agendas and it comes across as the Commission not wanting to hear from anyone. He commented that several times Thomaston has been compared to Southbury and we are not Southbury.

T. Battiste thanked the Commission for the tax abatement in regards to procedures and protocol. He asked how the Commission can be certain that the number of new jobs the project will create listed on D. Maslak's application have been created. J. Dunn explained that he did a site visit of the business to verify everything on the proposal has been done.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by M. O'Sullivan and seconded by D. Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Santa Maria,
Secretary