

**THOMASTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm
SELECTMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Jeff Dunn, Rich Sileo, Mike Madow, Joe Hartz, Cesare "Skip" DelVaglio

P&Z Liaison Present: Ralph Celone

Others Present: Dave Ambrose (Town of Thomaston Assessor), Darryl Maslak, Christine Yoos, Robby Piazzaroli, Town Times

J. Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes:

A motion was made by C DelVaglio and seconded by M Madow to accept the minutes from the meeting of May 23, 2011. Motion unanimously passed.

Communications:

The current town incentive plan was circulated.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Discussions regarding incentives and other tax items with the Assessor

- The Assessor read a prepared overview of the town incentive programs.
- The Assessor proposed the following options
 - 12-65B – current Thomaston ordinance
 - 12-65E – no increase during the construction phase, year 1 no increase, year 2 - 20% of the increased assessment added back to the base, year 3 - 40 of the increased assessment added back to the base, year 4 – 60% of the increased assessment added back to the base, year 5 – 80% of the increased assessment added back to the base, administered by the state (UT5)
 - 12-81-59 – Manufacturing facility in a distressed town, 80% exemption for each of the first 5 years, tax payers cover 20%, the town eats 40% and the state pays the remainder

B. Discussion with Darryl Maslak regarding incentives from Item A

- D Maslak stated that many of his questions were answered by D Ambrose during his review of tax incentives
- D Maslak asked if the EDC knew of any other incentives either for his projects or for his tenants
- R Celone stated that larger projects can apply for a P&Z fee waiver (for town fees only)

Welcoming New Business:

- There is a new silk screening business across from Dunkin Donuts.
- A bakery and a pizza restaurant will be opening soon at 131 Main St. - their permits are almost set
- A day spa is opening at 94 N. Main St. - she is moving along and hopes to open in November and will be sending in an application to EDC
- Thomaston Seafood and Pizza has officially closed
- Pizza Castle will be going into Thomaston Seafood and Pizza
- Marty Palmer opened a small manufacturing shop behind Hayden Machinery
- Curves has closed
- JP Dunn Heating and Cooling is moving to Northfield into the former Osweicki location
- An insurance company is moving into the building on RT 254.

Subcommittee Reports:

- No new news on the parking subcommittee
- We will begin the planning for the next Meet and Greet sometime in the fall
- The EDC is going to form an ordinance subcommittee. This committee will be populated during the next meeting [AGENDA ITEM].
- S DelVaglio spoke with Media in Focus about the possibility of them creating the town video. They indicated that this type of work is not core to their business and they would not be in a position to help.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by C DelVaglio and seconded by J Hartz to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sileo, EDC