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**Central Connecticut Economic Development Alliance Meeting Minutes**

Noon; Monday; June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012; CCRPA Offices, Suite 304; 225 North Main Street, Bristol, CT

- I. Call to order, introductions; determination of quorum** (representatives from 4 different municipalities) the meeting was called to order at 12:16pm with the following members in attendance, except as noted:

**A. Municipality Representatives**

Berlin	Jim Mahoney - Econ. Dev – AB	Bill Millerick – Chamber – AB	
Bristol	Art Ward – Mayor – AB	Steven Schiller - Ec. Dev. – AB	
	Jonathan Rosenthal (Chair) - Ec. Dev.	Plainville	Robert E. Lee – Manager – AB
	Mike Nicastro - Chamber (com. orgs.) – AB		Mark DeVoe - Ec. Dev.
Burlington	Rich Stocker – Econ. Dev – AB	Plymouth	Khara Dodds - Ec. Dev.
	Mike Scheidel – Chamber – AB	Southington	Louis Perillo - Ec. Dev.
New Britain	Vacant – AB		

**B. Non-municipal Representatives**

Julie Geyer - CWP (Un/underemployed) – AB	Peggy Sokol - Bristol Senior Center (aged/women) –AB
Bruce Lydem (Organized Labor) – AB	Rosita Forte-Dobson - CT Small Business Center (Professionals/women/minorities) – AB
Byron Treado (Finance)	Rick Mullins - CCSU ITBD – AB
Janet Serra - NW CT CVB (tourism/women) – AB	Victor Mitchell - Tunxis CC – AB
John O'Toole - Northeast Utilities (utilities) – AB	Dwight Harris – Agriculture – AB
People with disabilities – Vacant	CERC – N.A.
Lynn Abrahamson - Bristol/Burlington Public Health District (Health) - AB	

Also present were David Elder (Town of Burlington), Francis Pickering (CCRPA), and Timothy Malone (CCRPA)

- II. Approval of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes**

**MOTION** –Mark DeVoe moved to approve the March 19<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented; seconded by Lou Perillo

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (Lou Perillo abstained)**

- III. CEDS/EDD Update**

Timothy Malone gave an update regarding EDD designation. He reported that letters of approval for the region's CEDS had been received from DECD and OPM. DECD attached a few conditions, including a request that CCEDA permit them one representative and that the agency begin discussions with other agencies regarding a joint CEDS and EDD designation.

Tim also reported that the Deputy Commissioner of DECD had told him that a letter of EDD approval should be forthcoming. He said he would follow-up with DECD regarding the status of the letter as it had not yet been received.

Tim reported that letters of support had been received by nearly every municipality in the region, the President of Economic Development at UConn, and numerous state legislators. Letters of support are also coming from Connecticut's Federal congressional delegation, Northeast Utilities, and CERC.

**IV. EDA Public Works Grants (September 14<sup>th</sup> deadline)**

Tim reminded the group that the deadline for the fourth round of EDA grants was approaching. There was some discussion regarding what the grants would fund and it was reported that they mostly covered infrastructure for projects with job creation/support impacts. Lou Perillo asked about a few specific projects in Southington, such as a pump station for sewage treatment, the purchase of recently closed facilities belonging to the Hartford, and upgrades to an access road. Jonathan Rosenthal suggested that the Hartford facilities might fall under the Economic Adjustment Assistance program.

Mark DeVoe reported that Plainville and New Britain would likely be submitting an application for the Cancer Treatment Center/ Medical Office project. It would be a joint application. \$5 million has already been allocated by the state. They hope to break ground soon.

Tim Malone said he would send the relevant RFP to the group again.

**V. Disaster resiliency amendments to CEDS**

Jonathan Rosenthal reported that Bristol, Plainville, and Plymouth are putting together an application for a grant to study flooding issues in the Pequabac River Watershed. Tropical Storm Irene caused significant flooding in the watershed that led to economic losses for area businesses. Many businesses were flooded and important road segments were washed away. The study would not fix any of these issues but would create a plan for addressing them in a logical matter in the future. The application will be filed with the Economic Development Administration.

Amendments to the CEDS were proposed to indicate support for this project.

**MOTION** –David Elder moved to approve the amendments to the CEDS as presented; seconded by Mark DeVoe

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. Other Matters**

Lou Perillo noted that Southington is considering purchasing land north of Mill St to mitigate flooding issues. State grants would pay for the land purchase, though some modifications to the land may be necessary.

**VII. Adjournment was declared at approximately 1:18pm**