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**Central Connecticut Economic Development Alliance Meeting Minutes**

Noon; Monday; June 17, 2013; 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.
	Robyn Bugbee- Ec. Dev. – AB	Plainville
	Mike Nicastro - Chamber (com. orgs.)	Robert E. Lee – Manager – AB
Burlington	Tod Kallenbach – Econ. Dev – AB	Plymouth
	Mike Scheidel – Chamber – AB	Khara Dodds - Ec. Dev. – AB
New Britain	Vacant – AB	Southington
		Louis Perillo - Ec. Dev.

**B. Non-municipal Representatives**

Julie Geyer - CWP (Un/underemployed)	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) – AB	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 was Timothy Malone (CCRPA), and Justin Malley (City of Bristol)

**II. Approval of December 17, 2012 minutes**

**12:18 MOTION** – Lou Perillo moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Nicastro

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Update roundtable (12:20)**

Mark DeVoe reported that the hospital project is moving along. Downtown beautification project is installing a gazebo/pocket park near town hall. The Chung property received a \$800,000 brownfield remediation loan but the owner of the property has been uncommunicative.

Steve Schiller reported that CREC's building at Pinnacle Heights is under construction. Polymer is also under construction. The Costco land swap is complete and construction should be done in less than a year.

Robyn Bugbee of Bristol is leaving and will be replaced by Justin Malley.

Lou Perillo reported that the Southington Chamber is doing another downtown walkthrough. West Street Corridor is undergoing rezoning. The Greenway Commons special taxing district was approved. A number of cleanup loans were also received. The Hartford building in the north of town is being foreclosed upon. Light industrial activity is slowing down but a new nine lot light industrial park is being developed.

A general discussion of employers moving out of state started. This was spurred by recent initiatives in Texas.

Mike Nicastro mentioned that there is an opportunity under the health care law to redevelop the insurance industry.

The group also discussed the demographic shift and the shortage of delivery drivers.

**IV. Information regarding regional consolidation**

Tim Malone reported that CCRPA may be consolidated into another region. He reported that the agency is currently looking toward Waterbury.

**V. EDA grants**

Tim Malone distributed information on upcoming deadlines for EDA grants.

Mike Nicastro reported that a group of concerned citizens was looking into the Memorial Boulevard Incubator project and may wish to apply for a grant. He also reported that the chamber would be hosting a Small Business Development Center.

**VI. Other Matters**

**VII. Adjournment was declared at approximately 1:30 pm**