



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Town Hall
2nd floor Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795
Thursday, July 16, 2026
7:30 PM**

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Theodore Migliarese called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Theodore Migliarese, Secretary
Zaiga Antonetti
Jeff Desmarais (arrived 7:37)
Catarina DiVito
Carina Noyd

Members Absent: McGrail, Traver

Alternates Present: Michael Dayton
Serena Cestari

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Others Present: Jeremi, Johnson, Economic Development Coordinator

3. Public Comment

- a. The Economic Development Commission invites the public to speak under public participation.

Katherine Camara, 31 Cottage Place spoke about the Sealey property and the CERC study done in the earlier application.

Jeffrey Desmarais commented it is important for us to remember we are the stewards of the town and to keep the character of the town.

Theodore Migliarese stated the commission does not make the final decision it goes to the appropriate board.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – June 18, 2026

Motion: Catarina DiVito seconded by Jeff Desmarais: to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2026 as presented.

Aye: 3 Migliarese, Desmarais, DiVito

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Noyd

Motion passes

5. Correspondence – none.

6. Staff Reports

a. Economic Development Coordinator's Report

7. Old and Unfinished Business

a. Discussion on potential public/private projects

b. Business Blight – no update.

8. New Business

a. Straits Turnpike B-SC zone car sales

Motion: Jeffrey Desmarais seconded by Michael Dayton: to submit a letter of support to Planning & Zoning for European Performance Specialist relocation.

Motion passed unanimously

b. 720 Thomaston Road potential mixed-use property – will go for approval next month with zoning.

c. 88 Cobb Street Woodview Apartments – discussed improvement plan and timeline.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Jeffrey Desmarais seconded by Catarina DiVito: to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Migliarese, Secretary