

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT 3/18/202

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- 1. Working with several potential buyers for vacant land in the business park. They each are considering building light manufacturing businesses ranging from 89sf to 100sf. I have been able to locate several lots of from 10-20 acres which might be developed. These are long term plans, which might result in the quick purchase of the property with a building going up in the next several years.**
- 2. Sent a letter to Mr. Michael Daglio, EVP and COO of Hartford Healthcare asking that they contact me with a possibility of building an urgent care/general medical facility in town. This on the probable end of Trinity Health's plans to build such a facility in town.**
- 3. Met with town officials and purchasers of the former Sealy property in Oakville to discuss their plans for the location. They had read our report from AdvanceCT concerning the town's proposed uses for the property. The meeting was useful for the exchange of potential ideas for use, and was considered a free ranging discussion, prior to any formal applications to Planning and Zoning.**
- 4. Signed a contract with the CT Web Factory of Cheshire concerning a re-do of the current Economic Development Website. Rob Piazzaroli's submission of EDC websites he visited and liked were extremely helpful in starting this project. It will be helpful if any other members of the EDC have some existing sites they have visited and liked.**
- 5. Participated in several internal zoom committee meetings to completely revise the Town website. The group has made significant progress in developing the look of the proposed new website. It's timely that we are revising the EDC website during the same period so our changes will be consistent with the larger plans for the Town website.**
- 6. Chairman McGrail and I are beginning the early stages of discussing possibly using the 300 acres on Bunker Hill Road currently owned by the Heritage Group for other than residential purposes.**

- 7. After the sale of the Sealy property several other commercial brokers had indicated to me that they had parties interested in the possible purchase.**

- 8. Planning and Zoning has continued a public hearing regarding Garden Brook Real Estate, LLC, 470 Straits Turnpike, Watertown, CT – request for zoning amendment to allow an Age Restricted Housing Development overlay zone (ARHa) in accordance with Section 54 and 60 of the Watertown Zoning Regulations. The purpose of the continuation is to notify abutting property owners of the proposed change.**