

Town of Windsor Locks
Economic and Industrial Development Commission
Meeting at Town Hall, 2nd Floor
October 24, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Glazier at 6:31 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Doug Glazier, Frances Morena-D'Elia, Neal Cunningham, Shane O'Connor, Bob Crochetiere, Barbara Palmer

Absent: Dave Montemerlo, Alan Gannuscio, Malekhai Paquette, Kurt Brace

3. Approval of the Minutes from September 26, 2024

Neal Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26, 2024. Frances Morena-D'Elia seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Public Input on EIDC Matters Only

Robert Kruzel, 47 Oak Street appeared before the Commission to discuss his small-scale Manufacturing business he would like to start in his garage. He stated that he has been working with the prior Town Planner, Jennifer Valentino who helped him draft an amendment to the zoning laws to allow small-scale manufacturing in his garage. Jennifer presented it to the EIDC and the Planning and Zoning Commission last October, 2023. Since that time, he has been working with the PZC to get this through but has been told that since there isn't a Town Planner they couldn't do anything. The P ZC suggested he reach out to the EIDC for help.

He described his location and the zoning there now. He also outlined his efforts to work with the current part-time Town Planner, Bill Voelker and was told by him that he wouldn't take this on because he is only part time. Robert further described his experience and education in this field, his motivation for starting his own business and his desire to be an asset to the community of Windsor Locks.

After much discussion with Robert, it was suggested that he reach out to the First Selectman, Scott Storms (via letter) for assistance.

5. Action Items

a) Planning and Development Highlights

- 1) Doug Glazier reported that he had a conversation with Attorney Paul Smith regarding the property at 5 & 11 Ella Grasso Turnpike – Bradley Inn. The initial Special Use Permit application has been withdrawn and a new one has been submitted and will be reviewed at the Planning & Zoning Commission on Monday, October 28, 2024.
- 2) Peggy Sayers informed Doug that there is an application for 295 Ella Grasso Turnpike site plan.
- 3) 700 Old County Road – Zone Change to remove AIOZ.

b) Main Street Redevelopment – Update

Chairman Doug Glazier spoke to First Selectman Scott Storms who reported that the project is on track to be completed in the summer of 2025. The Commission discussed the ongoing traffic issues downtown and the progress on the Windsor Locks Commons and new train station.

c) Cancellation of the November and December EIDC Meetings

Due to the November meeting scheduled on Thanksgiving Day and the December meeting scheduled on the day after Christmas, the Commission agreed to cancel these meetings.

A motion was made by Neal Cunningham and seconded by Shane O'Connor to cancel the November and December meetings. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

6. Open Time – No Discussion

7. Adjournment

Neal Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Palmer seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:31.

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Mercey
EIDC Recording Secretary