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**APRIL 3, 2006**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on April 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Silas Deane Middle School.

Present: Councilors Adil, Cascio, Drake, Forrest, Kirsche, Kotkin, Walsh, Deputy Mayor Fortunato and Chairperson Morin.

Also present: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Councilor Kirsche.

Economic Development Report

Town Planner Peter Gillespie gave a presentation of the January, 2006 Economic Development Report which included the following:

- Tom's Trains – 729 Silas Deane Hwy – new business
- New England Patio & Hearth – 974 Silas Deane Hwy – new business
- Kenny, Brimmer and Mahoney, LLC – 20-30 Beaver Road – new business
- Compass Engineering Group – 61 Arrow Road – relocation
- Comstock Ferre – Karen Rossi Studios – 263 Main Street – new studio and store
- 416 Silas Deane Hwy – demolition complete; construction underway for Dunkin Donut
- 1715 Berlin Turnpike – Car Wash Facility – construction underway
- 370 Silas Deane Hwy – Patient's Choice Homecare – plans approved for renovation
- 370 Silas Deane Hwy – Systems Integration, Inc. – plans approved for renovation
- Ridge Road – Church Homes – zone change application submitted for Phase 2
- Cumberland Avenue – Northeast Utilities building – offers made for reuse of building
- 1881 Berlin Turnpike – possible construction of an office building

On behalf of the Silas Deane Highway Revitalization Committee, Mr. Gillespie thanked the Council and Board of Education members for their attendance at the public information meeting on March 27 at the Rocky Hill Town Hall and said that it is anticipated that the plan will be complete within two weeks and will then move on to implementation. He stated that Town Staff met with DECD regarding the receipt of a second STEAP grant in the amount of \$500,000. Mr. Gillespie reported that the EDIC held a successful breakfast meeting on March 15 attended by approximately seventy-five members of the business community. He also reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission is presently reviewing the zoning regulations as they relate to the parking of commercial motor vehicles in residential zones. Mr. Gillespie announced that the Town has been awarded a \$50,000 Preserve America Grant to fund a master plan for Old Wethersfield.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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