Chairman Fred Ruggio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:03 p.m., Shelton Economic Development Corporation, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT 06484.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Fred Ruggio, Chairman  
Patrick Carey  
Robert Burlison  
Karen McGovern

Members Absent: Kate Marks, Vice Chairperson (excused)

Also Present: James E. Ryan, President, Shelton Economic Development Corporation

MEETING ON TAPE, ON FILE, CITY/TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE (1 TAPE)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010 REGULAR MEETING:
Patrick Carey moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 16, 2010; seconded by Robert Burlison; vote 4-0; motion passed.

REPORT OF JAMES RYAN, PRESIDENT, SEDC:
Mr. Ryan gave a slide presentation and reported on the status of downtown including discussion of the Riverwalk extension; Avalon project; road improvement program; right of way phases; pending railroad improvements; status of environmental cleanup of Axton Cross and Rolfithe sites; Chromium Process. Mr. Ryan also discussed Rotary’s pavilion project and the future of HealthNet’s property.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS:

Community/Business Newsletter
Chairman Ruggio stated the committee met yesterday and the work on the next issue is about 25% done. Additional articles are being researched. Commissioners discussed ideas for the front cover. Chairman Ruggio reported on his meeting with Gene Sullivan, Purchasing Agent, and said a requisition was submitted for the remaining issues for June and December plus four issues for next year, as well as a special edition as an option.

Annual Report
Chairman Ruggio distributed and discussed a checklist for the report. Ideas were exchanged for the front and back covers. The consensus was that the format for the report will not change and the theme of “going green” should continue. Special articles covering new businesses will be prepared. SEDC will assist with updating the mailing list and will renew the mailing permit. The report must go out by June 30. Chairman Ruggio encouraged members to submit additional ideas.

Art Contest
Work continues with Ellen Cox of Shelton Public Schools. Chairman Ruggio discussed the idea of increasing the number of prizes.

BUDGET:
Chairman Ruggio distributed and reviewed a status sheet on the current budget. EDC’s submitted budget request for fiscal year 2011-2012 was reviewed.
(Note: Tape 1, Side B – 6:50 p.m.)

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2011, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, Karen McGovern moved to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.; seconded by Patrick Carey; vote 4-0; motion passed.

Diane Luther
ATTEST: Diane Luther, Clerk
Economic Development Commission

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: