

ENFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2025 – 5:30 PM
ENFIELD TOWN HALL – SCITICO ROOM
820 ENFIELD STREET - ENFIELD, CT

Call to Order

Commissioner Stroiney called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call

Present were Marilyn Cressotti, Kelly Davis, Virginia Higley, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Marie Pyznar, Rich Stroiney, and Stephen Ragnuth. Also present was Director of Economic and Community Development; Aaron Marcavitch. Not present: MaryAnn Turner, Linda DeGray

Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2025

Motion to approve September 18, 2025 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall; seconded by Commissioner Virginia Higley, and approved by a show-of-hands vote of 4-0-3.

Report from Economic & Community Development Office

a. Business Breakfast Recap

The Economic Development Breakfast was held on October 9th and received great feedback. This event will continue periodically due to its success. They may switch the focus in the future to retail or housing.

b. America250 Program

There was money found in the budget to fund buttons and T-shirts. Mr. Marcavitch is meeting with the Fourth of July Celebration Committee to discuss potential reenactments. Enfield Public School students will be participating through an essay program.

c. TIF Advisory Committee Updates

There has been discussion about creating a TIF District for the northern part of Enfield Street to attempt to clean up the appearance of the area. The committee is hoping to make lighting and other facade improvements in the current TIF district.

d. ARPA Fund Update

There are four outstanding ARPA funded projects. Updates were shared about each property. The Court Basketball will not receive their funds as they still are operating without a Master Certificate of Occupancy.

e. New Businesses and Developments

The former Mobil gas station on Hazard Avenue is now being cleared up. The Buffalo Wild Wings is finishing facade renovations. Planet Fitness will be moving into the former Ocean State Job Lot on Hazard Avenue.

Old Business

There will be a public input meeting in relation to the Enfield Annex and potential CIF grant. Commissioner Pyznar noted that residents are expecting a roundtable-type discussion and suggested Mr. Marcavitch prepare an area where ideas and feedback can be shared. The commissioners discussed current uses of the Annex and potential future uses.

New Business

a. Developing Restaurant Week

Mr. Marcavitch requested ideas from the commissioners about the creation and promotion of a Restaurant Week and Small Business Saturday.

b. Facade/Building Improvement 0% Loan Program for TIF District

The application and guidelines will go before the Town Council for their review and comment on who will then decide which commission will review these applications.

c. Business Retention/Expansion

The intention of this program is to make connections with local businesses and gain a sense of the business's specific needs. Mr. Marcavitch will be visiting businesses monthly, starting with Eppendorf and Phoenix Manufacturing. Commissioner Higley recommended that the Planning Director attend.

There was discussion related to moving the meeting date to Wednesdays. A draft schedule will be available for review at next month's meeting. A suggestion was made to invite the Chamber of Commerce to meetings. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared updates on the farm-friendly zoning regulations being worked on by the Agricultural Commission. Commissioners attended the CACIWC conference the previous week. There will be an open house at the Hazardville Institute on December 6th from 9:00-10:30am. There was further discussion about the expansion of the TIF district to North Thompsonville

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cressotti; seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall and approved by a unanimous show-of-hands vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Prepared by: Rebecca Jones