

Economic Development Commission

Regular Meeting

Room 201

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: M. Bogdanski, Vice Chairman, J. D. Taylor, P. Grenier, B. Seney, Mayor

ABSENT: L. Konicki, Chairman, O. Williamson

ALSO PRESENT: M.A. Chinatti, Econ. & Comm. Dev./Redev. Dir.,

S.Ramos, Recording Secretary

a. Call to order: Vice Chairman Bogdanski called the meeting to order at 8:30AM. Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum was present.

b. Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2026 *

(M/S/C) Taylor/Grenier* to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes. Carried unanimously.

c. Communications: No New Communications

d. New Business:

MA Chinatti gave a brief explanation of the Passenger Rail Survey in the Agenda Packets. Highlighting there is a combined effort between Amtrak and the State and Federal Government to enhance the rail system from New Haven to Providence. This study should take approximately two years. The area of study includes a majority of Connecticut from Hartford east. The Northeast is ignored, and the mission is to get them to reconsider and expand and reestablish the rail from New London to the Mass line. When attending the initial webinar MA Chinatti asked why we have been ignored considering we are included in the study area?

The response given was if enough interest was provided, they would consider expanding to include the Northeast Corridor. Amtrak will be hosting pop up events to introduce this project, one place being the Brooklyn Fair. MA Chinatti and Mayor B Seney are also working with Jim Rivers and Jim Larkin from NECOGG and also reached out to Amanda Kennedy at SECOG.

Vice Chairman Bogdanski asked where the Train Stations would be.

MA Chinatti stated they are here, some are ignored or torn down. They can be reconstructed or rebuilt.

e. Reports of Officers and Committees: None.

f. Old Business:

MA Chinatti to add discussion of allocation of trust fund monies to the Union Square courtyard funds. **(M/S/C) Grenier/Taylor*** carried unanimously.

MA Chinatti stated the grant approved from the state. The grant was approved by the state. We requested \$250,000.00

Redevelopment Agency voted to approve \$258,000.00 plus as the towns match. The allocation approved by the state was \$246,000.00 plus which leaves us shy \$3626.84 of the estimated project cost. Costs have gone down since the grant was submitted and we are unsure sure what costs would be now. We are asking this commission to consider a motion to allocate \$3626.84 out of the Trust Fund contingent on the construction costs coming in.

D. Taylor asked how much money was in the trust fund. **MA. Chinatti** answered over \$500,000.00. **(M/S/C) Taylor/Grenier*** Carried unanimously.

P. Grenier asked how long they have been waiting for DECD for Belding Mill Developer.

MA Chinatti replied DECD is requiring updated documents from the property owner, the attorney has all but one of the requested documents. He is holding off on getting it from the property owner, who is working on other projects with the developer at this time.

g. Public Comments: None

h. Other: None

i. Adjournment*:

(M/S/C) Taylor/Grenier to adjourn at 8:44 am. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ramos
Recording Secretary

*Vote Required