

Chairman Feigley called the meeting to order in the Milford Civic Center at 7:40 a.m.

**PRESENT** Vice-Chairman Dierkes; Boardmembers Armstrong, Goodenough, Heyn, Horsley, Lamb, Niebauer, Rivera, Rusas, Tyler, Weinbaum

**ABSENT** Vice-Chairman Dierkes; Boardmembers Lamb, Nichols, Rivera

**ALSO PRESENT** DDA Director Ann Barnette; Village Manager Arthur Shufflebarger; John Grissim

**ACCEPT MINUTES** Regular Meeting November 18, 2010

Heyn moved, Goodenough seconded, to accept the regular minutes of the Downtown Development Authority of November 18, 2010, as amended:

Page 1, Director's Report, line 14, "A deli will be occupying Cosmos..." change to "A deli will be occupying **Kosmo's**...". Line 15, "DiMaro At Home...", change to **Demarle At Home**...". "...in where Siever Title...", change to "...in where **Seaver** Title...". Motion **CARRIED**

Ms. Barnette asked the Boardmembers if they preferred their packet electronically as they have been receiving it or if they would prefer to have it copied and mailed.

Most of the Boardmember said that they do not print the material that is attached to the electronic packet.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Barnette informed the Boardmembers that she as been asked by the Fire Department if they could use the building that was purchased by the DDA located at 521 Oak, for training purposes. She explained that Tom Wackerman with ASTI Environmental said it would be alright for the building to be used as long as no one were to go near the fenced area. Ms. Barnette stated that allowing the Fire Department to use the building for training, would possibly lessen the expense of demolishing the building as the DDA has planned.

Ms. Barnette stated that the building could possibly be rented for office space. She said she would tell the Fire Department that the DDA will need to determine what their intention for the building are going to be before they could use it for training.

Tyler moved, Niebauer seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion **CARRIED**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present from the Public.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**            PR Update

Ms. Barnette reported that the last "Thursday's Unwrapped" was slower than what was expected. She said that next year they would not promote "Thursday's Unwrapped" and "Christmas Open House" together.

**NEW BUSINESS**                    Sign

Ms. Barnette passed out a copy of the ordinance pertaining to Sidewalk Signs in the Special Downtown District, which indicated in bold a proposed change to the ordinance that would allow those businesses who's entrance does not abut the street to place a sign adjacent to the front yard abutting the street, regardless of the number of tenants on the premises.

Ms. Barnette and the Boardmembers discussed which properties would benefit from the amendment. She said that the ordinance would go directly to Council for approval and not Planning Commission for recommendation because the amendment would affect the Village right-of-way.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**            Downtown Map

Ms. Barnette gave the Boardmembers a copy of a downtown map that indicated current vacancies. She said the two major vacancies downtown were the former O'Callaghan's and Stucchi's restaurants.

Ms. Barnette and the Boardmembers discussed the former Farmer Jack site and now that A & P has filed bankruptcy, the owner of the property will most likely more actively pursue a tenant.

Boardmember Weinbaum said he believed the site would sell for a very low price and thought it would be good for office or municipal use.

Stone Church

Ms. Barnette reported that including the stone church property and adjacent properties into the Special Downtown Parting District was introduced at the last Council meeting and will be on the fist Council agenda in January for adoption.

Bike Ordinance

Ms. Barnette informed the Boardmembers that the proposed bike ordinance to allow the outdoor display of bicycle rentals during business hours only in the special downtown district was approved by Council.

**BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS**

Boardmember Tyler asked if anyone had heard what the event was that the historical society was planning in June.

Mr. Shufflebarger said that they requested to use the pavilion in Central Park for a Civil War commemoration and perhaps that had something to do with what they were planning.

Chairman Feigley said he has a friend who lives in Lexington who recently visited Milford and found the two communities to be similar.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Nancy Scott, CMC  
Milford Village Deputy Clerk