



# WCEDD Meeting Minutes

September 14 at 1:00 pm | Web Conference

## Members in Attendance

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| - Rudy Marconi, Chair          | Town of Ridgefield         |
| - Lynn Vanderslice, Vice Chair | Town of Wilton             |
| - Hal Kurfehs                  | Coldwell Banker Commercial |
| - Jennie Ripps                 | The Owl's Brew             |
| - Jason Patlis                 | Norwalk Aquarium           |
| - Christal Presler             | Town of Newtown            |
| - Lisa Mercurio                | Advance CT                 |
| - Andrea Rynn                  | Nuvance Healthcare         |

Francis Pickering and Betsy Paynter were in attendance with WestCOG

## Meeting Call to Order

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM

## Public Participation

No Public participation.

## Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Rudy Marconi.

## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

- Discuss draft CEDs and public comment period to begin the end of September/early October
- The CEDs working draft was distributed to WCEDD members for a review before sending off to CEOs and prepare for the public comment CEDs document.
- A solicitation of municipal economic development projects has been collected and reviewed.
- The groups discussed the various elements of the CEDs. The need for housing was discussed along with relief of traffic congestion.
- Climate change affects to shoreline communities with potential rising waters to be addressed in CEDs

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## **Other Business**

- Tax Incentives, Opportunity Zones

Betsy discussed Opportunity Zones which are federal tax incentive opportunities within in the three cities, Danbury, Stamford and Norwalk. Hal mentioned that this incentive was strong a few years ago but has lost its luster over the last few years with interest from developers.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- Quarterly WCEDD meeting - October 13, 2022 @ 1pm via Zoom

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Lynne Vanderslice and second by Andrea Rynn, all in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm