

Metuchen Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 6th, 2014

Attendees: Jack Altman, Laura Griffith, Nelson Li, Jon Rabinowitz, Beata Thompson, Daniel Topping.
Chair: JoAnn Sabatino-Falkenstein. Council Liaison: Dorothy Rasmussen. Not in attendance: Hussain Ali-Khan, Gideon Gelber.

Chair JoAnn Sabatino-Falkenstein called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm, armed with a large packet of materials, including Main Street NJ application (6 pages), email regarding Perth Amboy train station (1 page), Metuchen 2010 census data and tables from Pearl Street presentation (6 pages), Downtown Overlay Zone (7 pages), Whole Foods company details (3 pages) and Development Commission Summary BID research (6/13) (2 pages).

JoAnn opened the meeting with the information that within weeks of the June Development Commission meeting, a small group convened to write an application to join the Main Street NJ program at the Associate Tier. Despite the local government's reluctance to proceed on a formal plan for accelerating business development in town, the Development Commission continues to study the qualities of Metuchen and how to attract new businesses to town.

Council Liaison Dorothy Rasmussen gave a brief update on the Renaissance Properties project, being steered by Whole Foods and the Woodmont Pearl Street project. Everyone shared their knowledge of business closures and openings in town.

Move to adjourn meeting at 9:45pm by Jack Altman, seconded by Laura Griffith.