

Metuchen Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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

Chair JoAnn Sabatino-Falkenstein called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

A brief recap was given on the 3/25 Chamber of Commerce meeting which addressed streamlined zoning and improved Certificate of Occupancy (CofO) timing. The commissioners also learned of a well-attended public forum at the Metuchen Senior Center featuring Main Street NJ Director Jef Buehler. Mr. Buehler gave a long presentation of the fundamental benefits of Metuchen's participation in the Main Street program, as well as a lengthy question and answer session with Metuchen stakeholders, including property and business owners, officials and interested residents.

The commissioners had a brief discussion/update on the development projects in Metuchen. Everyone shared their knowledge of business closures and openings in town.

The Development Commission spent the majority of this meeting assisting Borough Administrator, Jennifer Maier, refine the information for a NJTPA (North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority) Emerging Centers Planning Grant Application. The brainstorm session included advice on regional transportation goals, growing a strong local economy with a vibrant downtown and ensuring a safe and reliable transportation system in a state of good repair. Additionally sustainable development and tactical alignment of government were discussed.

Move to adjourn meeting at 9:45pm by Gideon Gelber, seconded by Dan Topping.