

Metuchen Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

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

The Development Commission conducted a long discussion about the numerous development projects set to begin in town. Focus was on the upcoming adoption of PILOS/PILOP, a developer payment to Metuchen in lieu of sufficient parking. While it gives town some flexibility, it does not ensure that the most needy sidewalks—downtown—are addressed expediently.

Nelson Li gave a brief overview of Metuchen school enrollment data visualizations from 1991 through 2013, noting the following: the graphic representation of our demographic shift—younger—was obvious in the more than 30% increase in students enrolled. Nelson broke down enrollment by graduating classes and the common perception about number of students—that Metuchen occasionally has a “bubble class”—was exploded. Number of students is way up and many years have those elevated numbers. Newer classes are smaller, but there are some interesting anecdotes to relate with all these findings.

Everyone shared their knowledge of business closures and openings in town.

Move to adjourn meeting at 9:45pm by Jack Altman, seconded by Gideon Gelber.