



**City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810**

Danbury Main Street Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2014 – 4pm

Conference Room 3C

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 6, 2014

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Members Present: Mayor Boughton, Mike Kallas, Paul Reis, Andrea Gartner, Marie O'Neill, Warren Levy, Jack Deering

Members Absent: James Maloney and Steve Bull

Staff/Guests Present: Dennis Elpern – Planning and Zoning Director, Bruce Tuomala - Economic Development Director, Roger Palanzo - Mayor's Office, Tom Devine – City Center, Rich Antous – Danbury UNIT, George Psarofagis - Guest

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boughton at 4:06 pm.

Approval of minutes from January 9, 2014 meeting. Motioned to accept by Warren Levy; Seconded by Marie O'Neill. Minutes Approved.

Public Comments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- Jack Deering addressed the Partnership to express the need for a Marketing and Public Relations Committee within the Partnership. This new Committee would meet bi-monthly and report at regular times and report directly to the Partnership. This Committee would focus directly on presenting Danbury as “the gateway to New England”, providing creative ways to welcome business to moving and expanding in

Danbury – including signage on the major road borders and Interstate exits. Proposal will be considered by the Partnership in future meetings.

- Dennis Elpern - DRZ Planning and Zoning plan is nearly ready for submit to Zoning for review and approval.

- Mayor's Update
 - Kennedy Place – Looking at a Summer 2014 closing on property.
 - Innovation Center certificate of occupancy should be granted this week.
 - Naugatuck Valley Community College is looking at a 16,000 sq. ft. expansion downtown by the end of the quarter.
 - Looking to expand the downtown police patrol.
 - 2 Main Street Ribbon cutting this month.
 - 395 Main Street – New restaurant now open.
 - Mad Hackers event to be scheduled for 2014
 - Introduced George Psarofagis to the Partnership. Mr. Psarofagis is interested in becoming a new member of the partnership. There are currently two vacancies.

Motion to Adjourn – Warren Levy, Seconded – Marie O'Neill. Unanimous Acceptance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm