

Economic Development Report - Central and Western Mass

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Major Projects.

SBA 8A : Wayne Chen has finally received his 8A Certification after working with the SBA for nearly two years. He has already secured a contract with DOE (using the 8A) and is moving on several others. He is very pleased with our assistance and perseverance with the tangled web at SBA.

SBA Loan: Nicholas Anderson of Worcester was granted a final 90 day extension on his defaulted loan repayment. He is in the process of selling his home and will pay off the entire \$50,000 debt upon closing. The extension was worked out with our assistance at the SBA.

Chicopee Urban Systems: The costs of the amenities to Chicopee's downtown urban systems project has been questioned by the FHWA. At the request of the Mayor and CD Director Haberlin I have spoken with the FHWA people and impressed upon them the importance of the downtown amenities to complement the other investments in the city. This may require a meeting or a phone call from PT.

Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation: I have sent a memo to Mitch Tyson on the impact on Massachusetts and we will be introducing legislation (with Cong. Conte) on this Tuesday (July 20). (Theda is also in on this.)

Gulluni's nomination to the Presidency of Springfield Technical Community College was not accepted by the Board of Regents at their meeting last week but in a subsequent vote, Gulluni's candidacy will be considered in a new search.

Washington Mountain Brook: This project is still in mediation between CLF and local, state and federal agencies. Some resolve can be expected within the next 10 days.

Palmer Waste Clean-up: I recieved a call from a Palmer selectman complaining about the lack of notice on EPA decisions. I spoke with Sue Sladek in EPA and she was to call him and clear up and misunderstandings.

Kloster Global AID Contract. We had a response to our telex to Pakistan which was very positive and word in Pakistan is that this company is one of very few finalists for the contract.

Northampton/V.A. joint use of ambulance service: I have been meeting with the Mayor on this and sent a letter to the V.A. in support of the proposal. Cong. Conte has taken the lead on this.

Labor Meetings, None;

Private Sector Business Meetings:

Dan McCarty of Worcester and Charles Closs to discuss a range of development issues for Leominster. I had arranged for special handling of a National Register nomination for a building for Kloss so he would be able to close syndication agreements. (6/30).

George Wells here in the office to discuss prospects for a business venture. (Wells had helped us set the tape for PT's Japan speech. (7/1)

Other Meetings:

- ✓ Mayor Charlie McKean of Gardner to discuss a range of issues concerning the development in downtown Gardner. (6/30)
- ✓ Ed Polaska, Reg. Dir. of FmHA to raise a few issues of concern from Mona and just to introduce our shop to him. (6/30)
- ✓ Mayor Musante and the Dir. of OXFAM Finance to discuss a plan Musante has come up with to raise money for hunger. (7/9)
- ✓ Mayor Kumor to discuss a range of issues regarding the Chicopee UDAG. (6/29)

Sue Halloran of the Government Center Day Care Corp. regarding the possibility of securing no cost space from the GSA. (7/13)

# of Days on Road: 3

Note: I am spending a fair amount of time reorganizing my file and operations systems. Last week I also spent Monday traveling with PT in Springfield and the time necessary to advance the day the week before.