

# Economic Development: Hands-on for Jim Zeoli

## ORANGE CONTINUES TO GROW



**Firelite Commons** has been completed and contains 72 housing units plus commercial space.



**Racebrook Medical Center**, housing Connecticut Orthopaedics and Hartford Healthcare is now open.



**Lascana** housing development includes 46 units including 36 units of affordable housing.



**Storage Mart** has recently completed construction on Salem Lane.



**Charter Senior Living of Orange** has been completed.



**Noble Gas** is coming to Orange. Demolition is being completed and construction will start soon.

In 1997, the Town of Orange and a group of Orange businesses created the **Orange Economic Development Corporation (OEDC)**.

Jim Zeoli works closely with Annemarie Sliby, OEDC Executive Director, taking a comprehensive approach to building our local economy. He maintains a close relationship with local realtors, State of Connecticut agencies, and various groups to aggressively seek out opportunities.

***Jim is committed to responsible development.***

When a developer of affordable housing came to Jim with a proposal to build on the Post Road trailer park site, concerned about the safety of children accessing school buses on the Post Road, he

proposed a better location on Smith Farm Road and connected the developer with the owner of the property.

The Lascana development has been completed and contains 46 housing units, including 36 units of affordable housing on Smith Farm Road. The trailer park site now contains Racebrook Medical Center, housing Connecticut Orthopaedics and Hartford Healthcare, a more suitable development for that location.

Over the years, Jim Zeoli and his team have worked with many new companies that have come to Orange.

## A STRONG RECORD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ORANGE.



One of Jim Zeoli's early efforts was to revive the **Fieldstone Village** project in 2009, a project that was rejected by the previous Democratic administration. Fieldstone is now a major source of tax revenue for Orange.

Jim brought Marsh Hill Road property owners together with United Illuminating, resulting in the opening of the **UI Operations Center and Corporate Headquarters** in 2012.

With the completion of the Edison Road extension, a project supported by state grants, businesses including **V.A. Health Center, Aurora Products, and Eastern Tech Corporation** located here. In addition, we have benefited significantly from the rise in online shopping with the addition of **FedEx** and **Amazon** distribution centers in Orange.