

## Calistro Leaving Town

# Milford Downtown Council To Lose Chairman

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The regular monthly meeting of the Milford Downtown Council took an irregular turn Tuesday night when its energetic chairman, Patty Calistro, announced that she would be leaving Milford in September.

Ms. Calistro, who has headed the council since its inception, told the fifteen or so gathered in the Taylor Building that she has "reset

priorities" since losing her young daughter, Amber, to cancer last year, and she is planning to devote most of her energies to writing a book about her daughter's experiences with the disease.

Although Ms. Calistro will be leaving in five months, she sees no reason why some of the goals she has for downtown can not be achieved by September. Noting that change can occur as quickly as people desire it,

she added "but don't expect someone else to do the work."

One of the prime topics of discussion was the proposed restaurant located at the rail road station. The general concensus was that a restaurant in the downtown area would be beneficial, both for retailers and professionals who at present have no facility where they can entertain customers and business associates.

According to Wayne A. Kregling, owner of Scrbiner's Restaurant in Woodmont who proposed sub-leasing the eastbound station from its current occupant, Joseph Einhorn, "Joe offered to step out and give us the lease. We would reimburse him for any improvements and take over the lease," which expires in November.

But Kregling has run into problems, among them the Milford Transit District's

proposed Multi-Modal Transit Center, which would be located at the rail road station and has Mayor Povinelli's support. Said Kregling, "I was told there would be a minimum of two years for action on the rail road station."

However, Ms. Calistro added that from conversations she has had with Transit Manager David White, "he is very open to compromise and thinks both can exist," she said.

Ms. Calistro also announced that plans for a Downtown Council Auction are currently being developed to raise funds for improving the appearance of the downtown

area. In addition, a Milford Downtown Directory is now in production and will contain information including a map, harbor information, a shopping guide incorporating every business in the downtown area, as well as a scenic walking tour.