Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, July 1, 2014 – 6:30 PM
Flaherty Room - Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Jon Szuch, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill, Christine Aliman and Kathleen Conroy-Cass (7:10 p.m.)

Member absent: Michael Horbal

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #3 First Selectman Comment.
First Selectman Kurt Miller was not in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM #4 Public Comments
There was no one from the public present.

ITEM #5 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2014.

Ms. Sabetta noted that Christine Aliman’s name was misspelled in the minutes. Mrs. Averill stated that the motion regarding Silvermine Road on Page 3 should include that the address of 81 Silvermine Road will appear in the document. A motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

A motion to add Election of Vice Chairman to the agenda was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Aliman and carried unanimously (4-0). Mrs. Averill moved to elect Marietta Sabetta for Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ms. Aliman and carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM #6 – Economic Development Director’s Report – Fred Messore.
Mr. Messore presented his report for June (copy attached) and stated that there is an attachment to the report. This is a conceptual map of the Greenway trail. There is an area shown which is a transition from the Greenway Trail to the on ramp for Route 8. This is a concern of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Messore stated that they are waiting for comments from DOT and hoping to have a meeting with them in the next few weeks. There may be some modifications to the plan.
Mr. Messore stated that regarding 81 Silvermine Road there is no certificate of occupancy on file for this property. The attorney for the prospective buyer asked for some type of assurance that once the property is sold the c.o. will be issued. They plan on doing substantial work to the property to facilitate their business needs. He stated that this is presently in a stand by mode until the issue of the certificate of occupancy is resolved.

He stated that regarding the Seymour Lumber site an air quality consultant has been hired and an abatement company hired. The plan needs to be approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Health. The building will be taken down and the materials separated between hazardous and non-hazardous and trucked out separately. He stated that they have asked the Department of Health to handle this as a priority so that the work can be started.

Mrs. Averill asked about the 90 day extension on the Brownfield’s grant. Mr. Messore stated that it is until July 16, 2014. She asked if the owner was aware of this and Mr. Messore stated that he was in attendance at the meeting when the extension was granted.

Ms. Sabetta stated that at the last meeting the Commission discussed the distribution of the parking maps and how to get them out. She contacted the Connecticut Department of Economic Development and Department of Tourism. She will forward maps to them along with a cover letter. She stated that the maps can be left at the various visitor centers in the State.

ITEM #7 – Update on signage Silvermine Industrial Park and Welcome to Seymour

Mr. Messore stated that this issue is still being handled by the Corporation Counsel.

ITEM #8 Continue Discussion Downtown Aesthetic Streetscape Concept for 2014

There was no discussion on this matter at this time.

ITEM #9 – EDC Chairman’s Report.

Mr. Szuch stated that he had nothing new to report.

ITEM #10 – Old Business - None

ITEM #11 – New Business

Mr. Messore stated that he will be on vacation and not in attendance at the August. The members discussed whether to cancel the August meeting and Mrs. Averill moved that the August meeting be cancelled. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (5-0). The members decided that when the meeting schedule for
2015 is established at the November meeting the Commission can decide if they want to have meeting on a monthly basis or every other month.

Mr. Messore stated that the landscaping and painting work at Henny Penny should be completed within a few weeks.

There was no further business to discuss and a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary
EDC JUNE 2014 REPORT

5/29 Attended REGIONAL Economic Development District Meeting for our CEDS, Comprehensive ED Strategy

6/2 Spoke with Attorney Joan Molloy and Corporation Counsel Rich Burtula regarding Land Records Release for 81 Silvermine expected to be sold to Precision Grinding Solutions from Wallingford

6/3 Met with Milone and MacBroom (MM), VCOG and Jim Galligan regarding next steps for Greenway Trail Project presentation to CTDOT

6/9 Attended CT Main St Excellence Awards Event at Roia’s Restaurant in New Haven to receive 2014 Excellence Award for Renewed Commitment to Main Street

6/16 Spoke with Jim Baldwin and Joan Molloy regarding Certificate of Occupancy for 81 Silvermine Rd. Building may need an inspection since a CO has not been found by Building Official.

6/17 Spoke with Chuck Lee, DEEP and Daniel Shanahan EVSE, LLC regarding EV charging station for Fish Bypass Parking Lot.

6/19 Received conceptual design of Phase1 Trail intersection at the Bank Street Bridge. This is necessary for the next set of meetings with CTDOT to move project ahead for funding.

6/24 Spoke with Tom Tkacz of Seymour Lumber and Chris Eident of Mystic Air Quality Consultants, Inc. handling the monitoring of the demo work. Currently the Alternate Work Practice (AWP) request is with the State of CT Dept of Health