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**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 – 6:30 PM  
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

Members presents: Jon Szuch, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill and Michael Horbal.

Members absent: Ron Balabon, Ted Holly, Kathleen Conroy-Cass.

**ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:42 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 at the meeting.

**ITEM #5 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2014**

Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

**ITEM #6 Economic Development Director's Report – Fred Messoré**

Mr. Messoré presented his report for the month of February (copy attached). He stated that he attended a meeting to discuss how to go about the outstanding issues with the sign company. This matter is being handled by the corporation counsel. Mr. Horbal asked if the Town can hire another sign company at this time. Mr. Messoré stated that it is not really cost effective to use town fund for signage. Mrs. Averill stated that she thought that a contract was issued to Nu-Age. Mr. Messoré stated that the contract has not been finalized and is still being reviewed. Mr. Horbal asked the total of signs in the contract and Mr. Messoré stated that it is sixteen.

Mr. Messoré stated that the Town now has a Strategic Planning Committee and he attended their meeting and presented some ideas for future capital funding projects.

He stated that the development agreement for the former LoPresti School is being finalized and he hopes to get this done in the near future.

Mr. Messoré stated that he attached a letter that he wrote in support of Seymour's application for CT Main Street Award in excellence. He felt that if the Town were to receive this award it would help in getting future grants and funding.

Mrs. Averill asked about an update on Housatonic Wire and Mr. Messore stated that the property is being marketed by a real estate firm and he had no other information on it. He stated that the Seymour Lumber site is being handled by the Blight Officer.

ITEM #9 EDC Chairman's Report

Chm. Szuch stated that the budge has a balance of \$7,950.00 and he did not feel that the \$5,000.00 for banners should be transferred to the Downtown Committee. He felt that the Committee should buy the banners and then submit the invoice to the Commission for payment. The remaining balance would then be \$3,200.00. The members decided to wait until April or May to decide how to use those funds.

ITEM #10 Old Business and ITEM #11 New Business

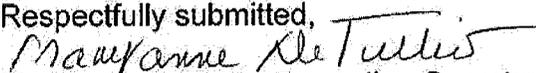
There was nothing new to discuss on either of these items.

ITEM #12 – Correspondence – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary

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**EDC FEB 2014 REPORT**

2/4 Directional Sign Meeting with Corp. Counsel, Bryan LeClerc Engineer, Jim Galligan Grants Writer, Dee Caruso and myself to discuss pending Bond Calling on We Can Do This and new bid to finish Signs

2/12 Attending Strategic Planning Meeting to update newly formed committee on upcoming ED projects and direction to help them understand possible capital funding needs in the next ten years.

2/19 Budget Presentation to Board of Finance for 2014-2015 ED, EDC and Downtown Committee Budget requests rescheduled from 2/5 due to snow

2/20 Meet with Mark Neilsen, VCOG Planner, Ryan Chmielewski and Tom Sheil from Milone and MacBroom and Kurt to discuss Greenway next steps and construction funding request to VCOG for Phase 1, Upland Trails

2/21 Received draft narrative on the Route 67 Spot improvements State Project No. 0124-016. This preliminary Engineering Report is needed to continue for State Funding through VCOG and will lead to Design which is expected to be complete in 2014.

2/26 Junior Achievement's Spotlight on Seymour, hosted at Basement Systems, panel discussion with Nicole Russo from MPI (Microboard Processing Inc.), Larry Janesky (Basement Systems), Superintendent Christine Syriac (Seymour), Kurt Miller and myself to discuss job readiness for students, job training skills needed for the future workforce and challenges the Town of Seymour has in attracting quality jobs.

2/27 Spoke with preferred developer on the status of the draft Development Agreement for 29 Maple St., former LoPresti School. Comments should be finalized by early next week and given to their Attorney to pass along to our Corp. Counsel.



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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Town of Seymour's application for the 2014 CT Main Street Award of Excellence in planning. I believe that Seymour has made great strides in revitalizing its quaint downtown area over the past several years. Although the area was deeply affected by deindustrialization, it has emerged as a destination for visitors and residents alike through the efforts of the Town's leadership and the tireless determination of volunteers. From its renowned antiques district to the nearly completed Tingue Dam Fish Bypass project, it is very apparent that the planning and efforts of the Town are paying dividends.

The completion of Seymour's Downtown Action Strategy in 2012 was truly a landmark in the process of downtown renewal. Planimetrics, in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission, created a very thorough accounting of the issues facing the development of the area as well as a sound strategy for addressing them. The Town has already addressed several key points and is constantly making progress, including the execution of \$10,000 grant to develop a master plan for the proposed Greenway Trail, which would be a benefit to the area as a whole.

The plans in which the Town of Seymour has invested are already bearing fruit. I believe that receiving this award would help them to secure additional funding to continue planning and thereby multiply the benefits received by residents and visitors.

Sincerely,