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

Members presents: Jon Szuch, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill,  
Kathleen Conroy-Cass

Members absent: Michael Horbal

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:55 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 – March 4, 2014

Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta. The EDC Chairman's report should read that the \$5,000.00 allocated for banners should be transferred to the Downtown Committee is under the auspices of the Finance Director and not the EDC Commission. The motion as carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM #6 Economic Development Director's Report – Fred Messoro

Mr. Messoro presented his report for the month of March (copy attached). Mrs. Averill asked about the Board of Condemnation meeting that Mr. Messoro attended. Mr. Messoro stated that this is a new board in Town and it does not have a budget. He stated that the meeting was attended by various Town officials including the police chief, building official, fire marshal, corporation counsel, blight officer and representative from the Health Department. He stated that they discussed how the blight process would be implemented. He also stated that the blight officer will be able to bring matters to this board for their consideration.

Ms. Sabetta asked about the meeting with People's Bank representatives and others. Mr. Messoro stated that People's Bank will not be building a free standing building but are very interested in getting more active with the downtown area and sponsorships of events in town.

Mr. Messore stated that the budget has been approved by the Board of Finance and significant cuts were made to both his budget and the EDC budget.

A motion to add to the agenda the rescinding of the motion made to transfer funds to the Downtown Committee was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

Mrs. Conroy-Cass moved to rescind the motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from the EDC budget to the Downtown Committee for the purchase of banners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Szuch and carried unanimously (4-0).

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

Mr. Messore stated that First Selectman has asked the corporation counsel to call the bond. He stated that the company has not corrected any of the issues that were raised with the signs. He also stated that the bonding company will be putting out a bid to hire another company to do the work that needs to be performed on the signs. He stated that this matter is being handled by the corporation counsel. He also stated that a new bid is being prepared for the Welcome to Seymour and Adopt-A-Spot signs. He stated that there are some issues with the specs. and because the funding is company from the State the spec. have to be included in the bid.

#### ITEM #8 Continue Discussion Downtown Aesthetic Streetscape Concept for 2014

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

#### ITEM #9 EDC Chairman's Report

The members discussed the new budget for the Economic Development Commission and expressed their displeasure at the cuts that were made to the budget. Ms. Sabetta moved that she will compose a letter expressing the displeasure of the EDC of the 1014-2015 budget that the Board of Finance approved for \$3,000.00. The letter will indicated that nothing can be accomplished with that amount of money and she will read the letter at the Town meeting on behalf of the Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Conroy-Cass and carried unanimously (4-0).

#### 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 Ms. Sabetta, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryanne DeTullio*  
Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary

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3/4 Spoke with Chuck Lee, CTDEEP regarding EV Charging Stations being added to the Fish Bypass Project while construction is underway. They will add the infrastructure as part of their work leaving the pedestal station cost up to the Town to come up with.  
(Approx. \$5,000 per unit)

3/4 Met with Russ Blair owner of 10-18 Beach St former Lamor USA to toured his property for Sale \$1,050,000 and Lease \$5 PSF NNN

3/6 Attended ICSC RETAIL Connection in Hartford. Met with Lisa Ham, Senior Real Estate Director Wakefern regarding Tri-Town Plaza. She indicated they would need to prepare an impact study and expressed concerns over number of current loading docks and ability to add more. After further review this location would negatively impact the Derby store so they will not proceed.

3/10 Attended 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Condemnation Meeting regarding blighted properties and how to proceed internally between various departments and legally.

3/10 Attended press conference at Microboard Processing Incorporated (MPI) for Governor Malloy to announce the 1000<sup>th</sup> recipient to the Small Business Xpress Loan Program.

3/11 Submitted the Master Plan for Seymour Greenway Trail & Linear Park for Ct Main Street's Excellence Award in Planning.

3/13 Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Livable Communities Committee to discuss and implement remedies in making more accessible for all.

3/18 Met with Tony Caserta, Doug Thomas and People's Bank Reps: Al Paolozzi, Market Manager David Weber, Government Banking Officer and Christine Aliman, Service Manager at Stop & Shop to discuss more partnership opportunities between us.

3/18 Spoke with Amy Swanson, Swanson Oil Company looking to possibly purchase 310 Roosevelt Dr.

3/18 Received letter from DECD on Brownfield Grant for Housatonic Wire Site

3/19 Met with Rick Dunne, VCOG and Kurt regarding application for Transportation Alternatives Program to help fund construction of Phase 1 of the Greenway Trail.

3/19 Met with Joe Kusiak and Kurt to finalize the Tax Incentive Agreement between the Town and Henry Penn



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3/20 Spoke with Cheryl from Standard Demolition regarding Seymour Lumber article and if they could be placed on a preferred vendor list.

3/24 Met with Robert Emfinger, Ct Family Home and Hearth Company 682 South Main St Seymour CT to discuss help will funding for possible expansion. Contacted Tricia Paesani from DECD who will have someone from her team contact Robert to see what program might be available.

3/25 Attended Gateway College, First Green Leadership Event where former DEEP commissioner Dan Esty was featured speaker to discuss energy initiatives going forward and EV Charging Stations

3/25 Attended Pre-Demolishing meeting at Seymour Lumber with Owner, Contractor and Town Officials. Work to start week of April 7<sup>th</sup>

3/26 Met with Fred Frassinelli, AMS Real Estate, Realtor for former HWCO located at 109 River St, Robert Looker and an interested Residential Developer to discuss the site and programs the Town has to assist on the redevelopment of the property.



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