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**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 – 6:30 PM
Flaherty Room - Seymour Town Hall**

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

Member absent: Jon Szuch, Alex Danka, Christine Aliman, Kathleen Convroy-Cass

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:40 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 –September 2, 2014.

Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

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

Mr. Messoro presented his report for the month of October, 2014 (copy attached). Mrs. Averill asked about his meeting with Alexander Overkamp and Mr. Messoro explained that he had been contacted by that individual, who has a business in Seymour. He stated that he was not assisting him in anyway with his business. Mr. Horbal asked about the Adopt-A-Spot signed and if there was a list of the locations. Mr. Messoro stated that Dee Caruso in Town Hall has that information. The sponsor of the sign is responsible for the maintenance of the area. He also stated that not all the signs are completed at this time.

Mr. Horbal asked what the Phase 1 of the Greenway Trail entails. Mr. Messoro stated that it is the area under the underpass to Route 67. He also stated that there is a design but are waiting on direction on proceeding with it. Mr. Horbal also asked about his meeting with Paul Forte from FortHill Commercial Sewer and Drain. Mr. Messoro explained that he has a business out of his home with two trucks and he is looking to do business in Seymour.

Mr. Szuch stated that the demolition of the Seymour Lumber building has gone well. Mr. Messore stated that they are working on cleaning up the debris on the site. He also indicated that they have paid all back taxes. Mr. Horbal stated that he has been working with Mr. Specter on some things but cannot disclose anything at this time.

Mrs. Averill asked about the Maple Street school project. Mr. Messore stated that plans have been submitted to Planning and Zoning and those will be accepted at their November 13th meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission will then schedule a public hearing on the application. He stated that once the regulatory process is complete a closing can be scheduled.

Mr. Szuch felt that it would be beneficial for Mr. Messore to reach out to individuals of large properties that can be developed and assist them in anyway with the marketing and development of their properties. Mr. Messore stated that he felt that with the Seymour Lumber property being cleaned and the Wire Factory site these are positive steps for the Town and should help in marketing sites throughout the town. He stated that he has met with some property owners in the past and will attempt to contact them again.

ITEM #7 – Concepts for 2014-15 fiscal year.

Mr. Horbal suggested doing a survey with downtown businesses to see if they felt the maps that the Commission prepared were beneficial to them. He also suggested doing a similar map for businesses in the Route 67 area and also asking them to complete a survey to get ideas on how the Commission can help those businesses. He also felt that a similar survey could be done with industrial businesses in town. He felt that the results of those surveys could be passed on to the Strategic Planning Committee as well.

Mr. Horbal stated that he felt that if sewers were available in the Route 34 area this would be very helpful in developing and attracting businesses to that area.

Mr. Messore stated that since the fish bypass is completed the Commission may want to consider sponsoring a fish event sometime in the early summer.

ITEM #8 – EDC Chairman's Report – No Report

ITEM #9 – Old Business - None

ITEM #10 – New Business – None

ITEM #11 – Correspondence – None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary