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**TOWN OF SEYMOUR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
FLAHERTY ROOM – SEYMOUR TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Szuch, Marietta Sabetta, Michael Horbal, Rosalie Averill
Kathleen Conroy-Cass and Alex Danka

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Aliman

ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jon Szuch at 6:39 p.m.

ITEM #2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #3 FIRST SELECTMAN COMMENTS

First Selectman Kurt Miller was not present at the meeting.

ITEM #4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one from the public present.

ITEM #5 APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2014

The minutes were corrected to delete that Mr. Szuch was among the absent.

Mrs. Averill moved that the minutes from the meeting November 5, 2014 be approved with the correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horbal and carried (5-0) with one abstaining.

ITEM #6 2015 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Board agreed to retain all the meetings. Michael Horbal moved to accept the calendar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Conroy-Cass and carried unanimously (6-0).

ITEM #7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Messore presented his report for November 2014 (copy attached). Focus was on the Adopt-A-Spot signs this month. Mrs. Averill asked about the Seymour Industrial Park. Mr. Messore said we are waiting for recommendations from Nu-Age. All signs now have dedicated sponsors. The Seymour-Oxford Rotary Club is taking the location at River Street and Bank Street.

Mr. Danka suggested that the parties who would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Spot signs be properly vetted as to whether they are current in property taxes and sewer bills. Mr. Horbal has a copy of Oxford's application which has these requirements. The Commission will have the opportunity to review and make recommendations at the January meeting.

Mr. Messore reached out to several developers this month. He is preparing for the International Conference for Shopping Centers which he will attend on December 8th and 9th. Mr. Messore discussed the Maple Street School project with John Guedes.

The Commission discussed traffic problems emanating from the entrance and egress at Tri-Town Plaza. Mr. Horbal asked when the Fish Bypass will actually open. Mr. Messore said there is still on-going work. Mr. Horbal discussed parking areas adjacent to the Fish Bypass at or near 7 Wakely Street.

Mr. Messore brought up the bus stop at the corner of Main and Broad Streets and the possibility of getting a grant to construct a bus stop shelter. The Commission agreed that if a grant can be procured we would support the project.

The question was raised as to whether the town planner would have conceptual plans from projects that did not go forward for Housatonic Wire and Seymour Lumber properties.

The closing of Trestle Tavern was discussed and the possibility that a Greek diner may take over that location.

Mr. Szuch asked about the former CVS location at Klarides Village. Mr. Messore suggested that there were several issues in finding a tenant: the square footage, parking and like of signage on Route 67.

ITEM #8 CONCEPTS FOR 2014 – 2015 FISCAL YEAR

To be discussed in January and February including an electronic billboard at the community center. Discussion of the money encumbered from last year was raised. Lori Matusovich in Finance would be able to tell us when the funds would have to be used and if they would have to be allocated to Nu-Age.

ITEM #9 EDC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT : No report

ITEM #10 OLD BUSINESS: None

ITEM #11 NEW BUSINESS: None

ITEM #12 CORRESPONDENCE: None

ITEM #13 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Averill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chariman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,
Marietta Sabetta
Vice-Chairman