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**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 6:30 PM
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

Members presents: Michael Horbal, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill, and Kathleen Conroy-Cass.

Mrs. Averill moved that Marietta Sabetta act as temporary Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Conroy-Cass and carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by temporary Chairperson Sabetta.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by temporary Chairperson Sabetta.

ITEM #3 First Selectman Comment.

First Selectman Kurt Miller was not present at this time.

ITEM #4 Public Comments

Theresa Conroy, 177 Skokorat Street, Seymour stated that she was happy to see the progress being made with the redevelopment of the former Sweets-N-Eats site.

ITEM #5 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2013

Mrs. Averill noted that on Page 1 it should read "boxes located in the downtown area "removed" and on Page 3 it should be CERC and not CERT. Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horbal and carried unanimously (4-0).

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

Mr. Messoro presented his report for September and also a copy of his third quarter report which will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. He noted that this report is done in the format that they have requested.

Mr. Messoro stated that five of the Welcome to Seymour signs have been installed at this time. He stated that there were some issues with the signs and the company that installed them will make the changes and can do so without removing the signs. Mrs. Averill asked about the Adopt A Spot signs and Mr. Messoro stated that the bid package for these signs is more specific and there should be no problems with those signs.

Mr. Messoro stated that he spoke with individuals regarding the Seymour Lumber property and has informed them that the Board of Selectmen will be discussing the blight ordinance and the site needs to be cleaned up. He stated that he feels that this site will be difficult to develop because of zoning and wetlands requirements.

He stated that the bids were received for the Maple Street school and he that only one was submitted. Mr. Horbal asked if he any idea of what the possible development of the site would be. Mr. Messore stated that all developers that looked at the property only indicated a housing use.

Mr. Messore stated that he had nothing to report on Tri-Town Plaza. He stated that he would prefer to just submit his report and discuss it with the Board and not have it itemized on the agenda. He stated that there will be a meeting on the fish bypass project next week and it is progressing nicely.

Mr. Horbal stated that he is working on the Henny-Penny project and Kerite and the new owner are working together and the fence will be replaced.

ITEM #7 – Finalize Downtown Seymour Merchant and Parking Map.

The members reviewed the two options submitted and it was agreed that Option #1 with just the town seal on it was the one that they preferred. Mr. Horbal noted that the type of some of the businesses listed was smaller than others. Mr. Messore stated that was because of the length of the name of the business. The members also felt that the parking layout map that was blue was easier to read than the yellow version. The Commission agreed to have Connecticut spelled out on the front of the brochure and any misspelling would be corrected. The words Seymour, Connecticut will be removed from the parking layout and "sponsored by Seymour Economic Development Commission – 2014" will be added there. A new business, Naugatuck Watch Co. on Bank Street will be added as Item 45a and the words sub-station will be added to the AT& listing. The members also agreed that there should be a larger icon printed for the public parking lots and it should be all in "red". The lot on Wakeley Street will be referred to as "adjacent to 7 Wakeley Street Ext.". Mr. Messore stated that a final proof will be obtained with these changes and can be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

ITEM #8 EDC Chairman's Report - No Report

There was no further business to discuss and a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Mr. Horbal and carried unanimously (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by temporary Chairperson Sabetta.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary