

**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission**

**Minutes  
Tuesday, June 4, 2013 – 6:30 PM  
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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**DATE:** 6/10/13  
**TIME:** 1:25 PM  
**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

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

Also present: Fred Messor, Economic Development Director, Maryanne DeTullio,  
Recording Secretary

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 Comments

First Selectman Kurt Miller was not in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM #4 Public Comments

There was no one from the public in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM #5 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2013 Meeting.

Mrs. Averill noted that Item #9 should be Mrs. and not Mr. Averill. A motion to approve the May 7, 2013 with the correction was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Mr. Horbal and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Averill moved to go out of order on the agenda and take up Item #7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horbal and carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM #7 Possibly take action on any remaining fiscal 2012-13 balance for projects.

Mr. Messor stated that the \$500.00 from his budget has been allocated for town hall landscaping and taken out of his budget. He stated that the balance of the budget which is approximately \$800.00 could be donated to the Downtown Committee toward new banners. The funds could also be used for maps of the downtown area and the parking that is available downtown. Mr. Horbal moved that the Chairman be authorized to encumber up to \$800.00 from advertising for the development of the map of the downtown area. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0). Mrs. Averill stated that she spoke with someone from the company that can prepare these maps and that amount should be sufficient.

Mrs. Averill moved to go back to Item #6 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (4-0).

## Item #6 Economic Development Director's Report – Fred Messore

Mr. Messore presented his report May, 2013. He stated that he requested CT Transit to install bus stop signs near the railroad station on Main Street and those have already been installed. He stated that he attended the pre-construction meeting for the Tingué Dam project. He stated that there were some questions and concerns about parking and staging of the work. The site has been cleared at this time. He stated that he also had a meeting with the downtown merchants concerning this project.

Mr. Messore stated that the American Pie Restaurant was approved for a portion of the former CVS building at Klarides Village. He stated that there is a potential tenant for the remaining space at that location. He also reported that he met with David Bakies from Neptune Dive Services who has started a under water welding business in town.

Mr. Messore stated that he met with representatives from the family holding the land lease for the Tri-Town Plaza. He stated that he wanted to get a better understanding of the relationship of what is on that property and how it could be developed. He stated that unfortunately it was not an easy meeting and he did not feel that there would be any opportunity to buy out that lease.

He stated that he spoke with the owner of Diversified Wire about the issues with the retaining wall. He stated that DOT was going to lease their lot during construction and they were told by the building official that the site is not in compliance at this time. Mr. Szuch stated that this is a blight issue and the owner should be cited for blight.

Mr. Messore stated that the Greenway Trail plan was approved by the Board of Selectmen and he has been in contact with Milone and MacBroom on that project.

Mr. Messore stated that he attends the Valley Transit District meetings as a representative from Seymour. He stated that he met with VTD, and representatives from the senior center and the housing authority about providing bus service to Seymour residents. He stated that the meeting went well and the discussions will continue.

He stated that he and the First Selectman met with representative from Tri-Town and they are wait for a market analysis.

Mr. Messore stated that the Board of Selectmen approved by RFP for real estate agents to market the former Lopresti School building. He stated that he will recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the RFP be modified and get information from other communities that have had similar buildings for sale. He stated that there was some discussion of dividing the site and keeping some of the land for the Town of Seymour but the land would be needed for parking and other amenities if the site is sold.

He stated that the settlement for the Housatonic Lumber site has been agreed upon with the insurance claim and hopefully now they can move forward with marketing the property.

Mr. Szuch asked about the property across from Webster Bank and Mr. Messoré stated that it is being cleaned up and the owner is working on zoning issues.

ITEM #8 EDC Chairman's Report

Mr. Szuch stated that he had nothing new to report. He also stated that the members may want to consider cancelling the meetings in July and August. He stated that he will poll all the members regarding this issue. In the event the meetings are cancelled, Mr. Messoré will continue to submit his monthly reports to the members.

ITEM #9 Old Business and ITEM #10 New Business

Ms. Sabetta stated that she is working on the website and getting businesses listed on it. She stated that there are a number of businesses in town that are not currently listed on the business directory. She will also contact Jason Waving regarding this project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio