

TOWN OF SEYMOUR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 - 6:30 P.M.
FLAHERTY ROOM - SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

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DATE: 5/13/13
TIME: 2:10 pm
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Members present: Jon Szuch, Rosalie Averill, Ron Balabon, Kathleen Conroy-Cass, Ted Holly, Michael Horbal and Marietta Sabetta

Also present: Fred Messore and Howard Enquist

ITEM #1 Call meeting to order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #3 First Selectman's Comments

First Selectman Kurt Miller was not present.

ITEM #4 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ITEM #5 Approval of prior meeting minutes - April 2, 2013

Mrs. Averill offered the following corrections to be made:

- to ITEM #6, page 1, second paragraph, line one, correct New Haven Avenue to read New Haven Road;
- to ITEM #3, line 10, insert after "appraisal," "for Lopresti School;"
- to ITEM# 6, page 2, line 12, insert "the Town" in place of "he."

Mr. Balabon made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013 minutes with the corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holly and carried 5 to 0 with Mr. Horbal abstaining and Ms. Conroy-Cass not yet in attendance.

ITEM #6 Economic Development Director's Report - Fred Messore

Mr. Messore presented his report for the month of April. Mr. Messore also presented his quarterly report that is presented to the board of Selectmen. Mrs. Averill asked that that all abbreviations be spelled out in future reports. Discussion was held regarding accessibility to the handicapped at Town Hall with the use of ADA approved door mechanisms.

The Henny Penny project was discussed and the issue of a style change to the traffic control signal. The commission was updated on Housatonic Wire, the Greenway, Tri-Town Plaza and Downtown. The appraisal on the Lopresti School is moving along.

Mr. Messore left to give his report at the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission discussed making a \$500.00 donation to the Town for the recent landscaping improvements to Town Hall. Mrs. Averill moved to make the contribution to the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balabon and approved 6 to 0 with Mr. Holly abstaining.

The EDC commends the efforts of all the contractors who gave so generously of their time and materials to landscape and clean our Town Hall. We can surely take pride in our center of government because of their hard work.

ITEM #7 The Budget

The Commission discussed the use of its remaining budgeted funds towards the production of a downtown map. The Commission will add this item to the June agenda. The Commission will request that First Selectman Miller, Mr. Looker, the Town Planner, and Mr. Messore meet to produce a colorized map with the cooperation of the Town Planner's office. Ms. Sabetta will follow up with an email to the parties involved.

ITEM #8 EDC Chairman's report

The Chairman stated he had nothing new to report.

ITEM #9 Old Business

Ms. Sabetta has been working on the list of businesses from the assessor's office to open the Business Directory of the EDC website to businesses who have not had the opportunity to post their information and to edit businesses as required. Mr. Szuch added many categories to the Directory. Ms. Sabetta will continue to work on this. Mr. Szuch said Jason Weaving could open access to EDC email so she can get the corresponding businesses on the website. Ms. Sabetta will contact Mr. Weaving at Town Hall.

Several business owners that are outside of the downtown requested information about how they, too, could participate in Founder's Day. Mr. Averill directed them to the Town's website where the form can be found. It was also suggested that we request Mr. Messore to look into advertising the Town on the commuter trains that stop at our station to encourage people to stay and visit our businesses.

ITEM #10 New Business

The Seymour Antiques Store opened an Annex in its building which housed the former Marzi's.

The EDC formally commended Zois on the attractive improvements made to the retaining wall at its parking lot. Ms. Sabetta will send Zois a thank you note acknowledging their efforts at beautifying the Town.

Both the EDC and the Downtown Committee what like the location of the tow dumpsters at the Strand Theater to be reconfigured so they are not visual to the public. The EDC will contact the First Selectman's office because the request should be made via his office.

ITEM #11 Correspondence

ITEM #12 Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Mr. Balabon and carried unanimously, 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jon Szuch at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Marietta Sabetta
Commissioner