

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 3/12/13
TIME: 11:05 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission**

**Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 – 6:30 PM
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

Members present: Jon Szuch, Ron Balabon, Marietta Sabetta and Kathleen Conroy-Cass.

Members absent: Michael Horbal, Rosalie Averill, Ted Holly

Also present: Fred Messoro, 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 – February 5, 2013 Meeting.

Mr. Balabon moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried 4-0.

Item #5 Economic Development Director's Report – Fred Messoro

Mr. Messoro presented his report for February, 2013 and stated that he was on vacation for one week in February. He stated that the Board of Selectmen gave the authority to have an appraisal done on the Lopresti School building and he met with Blue Ribbon Appraisals, who will be doing that appraisal. He stated that the Building Committee had also given a lot of thought into having the community center building appraised but the Board of Selectman only authorized the appraisal of the Lopresti building. The contract has been signed with Blue Ribbon Appraisals and the appraisal will be given to the Board of Selectmen and they will determine how to proceed. Mr. Messoro stated that there has been some interest in the community center building by the Boys and Girls Club but nothing has been finalized at this time.

Mr. Messoro stated that he attended the public meetings that the DOT had regarding the Rt. 188/Rt. 34 roundabout work. He stated that the funding has been allocated for this project and the design plans will be submitted to the town. He stated that he would like to put in gateway signs at that location.

He also stated that the bond has been received from the vendor who will be doing the signs in town. The locations of the signs have been identified and the necessary permits obtained. He stated that hopefully by summer the signs should be placed throughout town especially at gateway points. Ms. Sabetta felt that a sign should be placed on Route 334/Great Hill Road and Mr. Messore stated that a sign will be placed on the Fountain Lake property in that area. Mr. Szuch asked who maintains the signs and Mr. Messore stated that some of the signs will be adopt-a-spot signs which would be the responsibility of whoever pays for that sign.

Mr. Messore stated that he had a meeting with Bill Griffin, developer to talk about the possible re-use of some of the buildings that the Building Committee looked at. He stated that there are some issues relating to zoning which need to be addressed and could possibly be done when the Plan of Conservation and Development is updated. He stated that there is a need for better zoning regulations to encourage development in the town.

Mr. Messore stated that he gave a copy of the Phase 1 study on the Seymour Lumber property to Mr. Horbal. He also stated that he has not received a copy of the Phase 1 that was done for the proposed skate park. The Commission discussed the proposed location for the skate park and also the need for a full time planner for Seymour.

Mr. Messore stated that he sent a letter to the Director of Public Works regarding the fact that there are funds in the budget to cover a DPW employee for the downtown area to work several days a week.

The Commission discussed various items regarding the downtown area including the need for a handicap ramp at the Post Office. They also discussed the need to have the flag pole at town hall illuminated at night when the flag is flying.

Item #7 - Possibly take action on proposed remaining Fiscal 2012-13 project concepts with remaining balance

Mr. Szuch stated that he did not have the updated budget figures and this discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

ITEM #8 EDC Chairman's Report

Mr. Szuch stated that he had nothing new to report.

ITEM #9 Old Business and ITEM #10 New Business

Mr. Messore stated that the person using the Seymour Lumber property has been asked to leave the site. He stated that there has been some interest in the property and he would like to see the building down. He stated that he has been in contact with the demolition company and the goal is to get the buildings down and have a clean site.

The bid has been awarded for the fish bypass and the project should begin soon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Balabon, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio