

**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission**

**Minutes
Tuesday April 6, 2010 @ 7:00pm
Flaherty Room – Town Hall**

Members Present: Jon Szuch, Joe Cass, Ron Balabon, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill, Michal H. Horbal.

Others Present: Howard Enquist, Cars on Location.

ITEM #1 Call Meeting in Order.

Meeting called in order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #3 First Selectman Comment.

First Selectman Paul Roy not present at the moment.

ITEM #4 Public Comment.

Howard Enquist of Cars on Location is marketing his property on 768 Derby Avenue and would like some support from the Town. He feels the entire strip on Derby Avenue needs to be developed together. Commissioner Averill suggests he partners with the other business owners on Derby Ave and spear head a campaign that includes all of the properties on the strip. Chair Jon Szuch suggests Mr. Enquist get in touch with State Representative Theresa Conroy to possibly get help with cleanup funds and to work together with the other property owners to look for investors. Secretary will put him in touch with State Representative Theresa Conroy to explore the possibilities at the State level.

Al Yagovane updated the Commission on the Broad Street Park Project. The project is aggressively moving forward. The group has sent a letter to the State to grant permission to build on the State sidewalk. Mr. Yagovane will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting and attend the May 4th EDC meeting with more updates.

ITEM #5 Approval of March 2, 2010 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes with the following corrections:

Change ITEM #11 to read as follows:

Strand: Chairman inquired about the fund raising efforts from the Culture and Arts Commission for the Strand in February. *Chairman was informed that the Culture & Arts successfully raised \$2,500 to support renovations at the Strand Theater.*

Carousel Gardens: provide update for April meeting.

Commissioner Rosalie Averill makes a motion to *request* Nancy Onofrio to attend, along

with Marietta Sabetta, the Connecticut Main Street Center workshop on March 12th, 2010 from 8am to 4pm in Hartford and to work with the First Selectman to receive comp time since the workshop falls on a Friday.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Absent-0

Abstain-0

Motion carries.

ITEM #6 Discuss MEDP.

Secretary had a conversation with Michael Kane from Mt. Auburn. He was very excited to hear from EDC and to hear how far Seymour has come since the release of the report back in 2007. He's accustomed to those reports being neatly filed in a drawer and was delighted to know we have implemented many of the recommendations and continue to do so. He was also impressed with the growth the Town has experience in the past few years and will experience the upcoming 12-18 months. He made a few recommendations in regards to the Commissions request to update the Master Economic Development Plan. Mr. Kane would need a clear direction on how to conduct the update. He also indicated that waiting another 12-18 months might be ideal due to the upcoming economic development in Town. The update will be differed to the end of the year or possibly the beginning of 2011.

ITEM #7 Discuss Broad Street Park Project.

See above.

ITEM #8 Update on Video.

Joe Sullivan has a few more interviews to conduct before he can prepare and present a script for the Commission. The Board agreed to include the upcoming Seymour Founder's Day event in the video. The Commissioners would also like to include an interview with Mark Pantalone from Diversified Electric Services on 79 Main Street, former site of the New Haven Copper.

ITEM #9 ED Director Report.

Commissioner Marietta Sabetta hands out registration forms for the CEDAS Community Builder Institute Crash Course I – Fundamental of Economic Development and Planning on April 29th, 2010 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm at Windsor Town Hall. The Commission would like the secretary to attend.

Motion to allow anyone from the EDC board to attend the CEDAS Community Builder Institute Crash Course I – Fundamental of Economic Development and Planning on April 29th, 2010 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm at Windsor Town Hall along with the secretary.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-0

Motion carries.

ITEM #10 Chairman Report.

Tri-Town Plaza: The Chairman informs the Commissioners of his recent conversation with the owner of Tri-Town Plaza, Mr. Ron Spector. A court date as been set for May

11th, 2010 with the hopes to settle the case. Even if the case was settled in May it would still be 10-12 months before any work would start at the plaza, the Chairman informs.

River Falls Project: The Chairman gives an update on the River Falls project, former site to Housatonic Wire and Seymour Lumber. The meeting on March 22, 2010 held at Basement Systems was very successful. Terry & Shook showed renderings of the sites. The Town needs to decide what the next step is with this project. The architect firm Terry & Shook is inclined to have a charette, a tool meant to engage the general public in the planning and designing of the area.

ITEM #11 Old Business.
No old business.

ITEM #12 New Business.
Commissioner Averill suggests resuming sending 'welcome letters' to all new businesses in town. The Commission did send letters under the direction of the Economic Development Director and would like to continue doing so. Letters will be sent to all businesses that have moved to town within the past 12 months.

Discussion about having copies available of the EDC list of accomplishments since 2004 for the upcoming budget hearing on April 8th and the town meeting on April 22nd. Copies will be made available for the public to pick up at those meetings by the secretary.

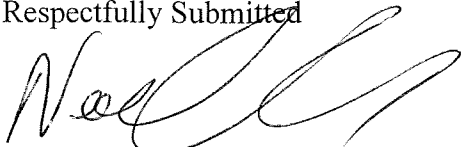
ITEM #13 Correspondence.
No other correspondence.

ITEM #14 Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

Vote: Yes-7 Motion: Rosalie Averill No-0 Abstain-0
Motion carries.

Second: Ted Holly
Absent-0

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Onofrio
Recording Secretary