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**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Department**

**Minutes
Tuesday March 2, 2010 @ 7:00pm
Flaherty Room – Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: State Representative Theresa Conroy, Al Yagovane, Henry Rotzal.

ITEM #1 Call Meeting in Order.

Meeting called in order at 7:05pm by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #3 First Selectman Comments.

First Selectman Paul Roy not present at the moment.

ITEM # 4 Public Comment.

Mr. Al Yagovane presented a comprehensive vision for the Broad Street Park Project to the Commission. Over the last month he has enlisted the help of many volunteers to make sure that this project will be on its way soon. The EDC is now more confident with the project and is again considering funding contingent upon actual cost. Mr. Yagovane should have an estimate of the cost of the project by the April 6th meeting.

ITEM #5 Approval of February 2, 2010 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Joe Cass

Vote: Yes-6

No-0

Abstain-1(M.H. Horbal)

Absent-0

Motion carries.

ITEM #6 Discuss Broad Street Park.

See item #4.

ITEM #7 Update of Video.

Mr. Joe Sullivano from Video Production will conduct a few more interviews next week and then start working on the script. He should be able to attend the April meeting.

ITEM #8 Update on MEDP.

Some attempts were made to contact Mt. Auburn. Secretary will investigate more to see if they are still in business. Update will be provided at the next meeting.

ITEM #10 Chairman Report.

Chairman Jon Szuch commented on the EDC budget. He indicated that the EDC went from having no budget a few years ago to a considerable budget in recent years. However, the trend the past two years has been to decrease the EDC budget due to the state of the economy. The Chairman feels that it is especially important during these times to properly fund the Economic Development Department and Commission to prepare for future years when the economy will pick up.

State Representative Theresa Conroy informs the Commission that Route 115 will be paved in the year 2011. She also suggested the Commission look into Smart Growth.

ITEM #11 Old Business.

Strand: Chairman inquired about the fund raising efforts from the Culture & Arts Commission for the Strand in February. Chairman was informed the Strand successfully raised about \$2,500.

Carousel Gardens: provide update for April meeting.

Commissioner Rosalie Averill makes a motion to authorize 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: Ron Balabon

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Absent-0

Abstain-0

ITEM # 12 New Business.

No new business.

ITEM #13 Correspondence.

No other correspondence.

ITEM #14 Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Absent-0

Abstain-0

Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Onofrio
Recording Secretary