

**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission**

**Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2010 @ 7:00pm
Flaherty Room – Town Hall**

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

Others Present: State Representative Theresa Conroy, Christine Conroy, Al Yagovane.

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 Comments.

First Selectman Paul Roy not present at the moment.

ITEM # 4 Public Comment.

Al Yagovane informed the Commission that he intends to revive the Broad Street Park Project. He has met with First Selectman Paul Roy, together with Michael H. Horbal to discuss their vision for the park. The goal is to make the Broad Street Park an attractive entrance to the Town of Seymour, a point of reference that will encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the beautiful, currently underutilized, park. The park would get a facelift of about \$20,000 with new lighting and new brick work. Labor would be donated by various companies. Due to the state of the economy the cost of the project has remained the same. Mr. Yagovane is once again asking EDC to endorse the project.

Various members expressed the desire to see a detailed plan of the renovation before taking any action. Mr. Yagovane was encouraged to go before the Board of Selectmen and come back next month with a detailed plan. It was suggested Mr. Yagovane seek the support of the community and of residents in Town by selling bricks or asking to endorse lamps or benches. The Commission also suggested applying for funds from The Katherine Mathie's Foundation. The Board once again is in full support of the project and willing to allocate some funds to help it move forward.

State Representative Theresa Conroy informed the commission she will be working on the following projects in 2010:

- ✦ Antique District Signs – in conjunction with Senator Kane
- ✦ Main Street – encouraging the State to resurface Main Street
- ✦ Seymour Fall – the Tingue Fish Bypass project is scheduled to start on time

- ✚ Housatonic Wire/Seymour Lumber Project – EPA applications and funds are on schedule. Working in conjunction with VCOG to fine tune a few matters.
- ✚ Coordinate times on all lights on Route 67 – roads sensors need to be replaced. The project will start as soon as the weather warms up.

ITEM # 5 Approval of December 2, 2009 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion: Marietta Sabetta

Second: Michael H. Horbal

Vote: Yes-6

No-0

Absent-0

*Abstain-1 (R.Averill)

Motion carries.

ITEM # 6 Finalize Budget FY 2010-11.

After careful consideration and discussion the Commission agreed to submit the following Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-11:

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Account Numbers	Account Description	Proposed 2010-2011
1-001-410-1330-435-125	Board Secretary Fees	\$ 1,000.00
1-001-410-1330-435-300	Other professional services (see below)	\$ 30,000.00
1-001-410-1330-435-310	Purchased Services – EDC MDP	\$ 1,700.00
1-001-410-1330-435-350	Education/Meetings/Seminars	\$ 500.00
1-001-410-1330-435-530	Communications/Telephones	\$ 0
1-001-410-1330-435-540	Advertising	\$ 3,000.00
1-001-410-1330-435-580	Travel	\$ 200.00
1-001-410-1330-435-610	General Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
1-001-410-1330-435-220	Social Security - EDC Secretary	\$ 80.00
TOTAL		\$ 38,480.00

Other Professional services:

Engineer/Attorney	\$ 1,500
Signs/Banners	\$ 1,500
Website Updates	\$ 2,000
Town MEDP Update	\$ 15,000
Downtown Aesthetic	
Streetscapes Concepts	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 30,000

Motion to approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 as discussed above.

Motion: Ted Holly

Second: Marietta Sabetta

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-0

Motion carries.

Commissioner Horbal suggested we attach a list of accomplishments and achievements in support of the proposed budget. All Commissioners agreed. The EDC Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 will be submitted to the Finance Department with a letter listing the Commission's accomplishments.

For a more detailed view of the budget please see the attached sheet.

ITEM # 7 ED Director Report.

Walgreens – to open at the end of January beginning of February.

Philly's Car Wash – also to open in about a month.

CVS – continues to aggressively move the project forward.

Tri-Town Plaza – plans to convert the existing vacant spaces into an upscale indoor market with independent vendors: fish, meat, produce, bakery, etc. The project is due to start soon.

New Haven Copper Co. – the property was sold today. No updates on the retaining wall.

ITEM # 8 Chairman Report.

Chairman Jon Szuch would like the Commission to look into funding street lamps/banners to beautify the downtown.

ITEM # 9 Old Business.

No old business.

ITEM # 10 New Business.

Motion to send communication to First Selectman to reconvene the Business Breakfasts formally conducted by the Economic Development Director.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Michael H. Horbal

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-0

Motion carries.

ITEM # 11 Correspondence.

No other correspondence.

ITEM # 12 Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

Motion: Michael H. Horbal

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-7

No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-0

Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Onofrio
Recording Secretary

