

**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission**

**Minutes - Special Meeting  
Wednesday December 2, 2009 @ 7:00pm  
Flaherty Room – Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: Rosalie Averill.

Others Present: First Selectman Paul Roy, State Representative Theresa Conroy, Philip Wilhelmy III.

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 congratulated the group on their hard work and for laying down the groundwork for the Town of Seymour to move forward. He hopes to work together and continue to make Seymour a destination place.

Michael H. Horbal joined the meeting in progress.

ITEM # 4 Public Comment.

Philip Wilhelmy III introduces himself to the board. He has recently been elected to the Board of Selectmen and is looking forward to working with the board.

Representative Theresa Conroy updated the Commission on the Trestle project. The weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Conn DOT will be working of Phase I of the project. The road will be closed to traffic and redirected to Washington Avenue, which will become two ways for the weekend.

She also attended a meeting with Metronorth concerning the Waterbury-Bridgeport train line study. The study should be done this winter. Some of the possible plans for the Town of Seymour are to move the station across the river or to add passing lanes for the train to accommodate the increase in demand for more frequent trains.

Also discussed the Deficiency Study for the Route 8 Exit 22. Recommendations are due by December 18<sup>th</sup>. First Selectman Paul Roy would like to set up a meeting with Town officials to brainstorm and discuss recommendations. The DOT is proposing short and long terms alternatives and the First Selectman feels the downtown will be effected by the updates to the exit 22. A meeting will be set up with Town Planner, Town Engineer,

Chief of Police, members of EDC and the First Selectman to draft recommendations to sent to the Conn DOT.

A meeting with Russ Smith and Alex Budzinski from Housatonic Wire will take place at VCOG on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> to unveil plans for the corner of River Street and Route 67. Representative Theresa Conroy, members of VCOG, the First Selectman and members of EDC will be there as well as others.

ITEM # 5 Approval of November 4, 2009 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes with the following correction:

Under ITEM # 4 specify that Mr. Migani will be offering his services pro-bono.

Motion: Joe Cass

Second: Marietta Sabetta

Vote: Yes-5

No-0

Abstain -1 (M.H. Horbal)

Absent-1 (R. Averill)

Motion Carries.

ITEM # 6 Discuss/Finalize Budget FY 2010-11.

Discussion moved to January 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 Meeting.

ITEM # 7 CT Main Street Center – Discuss with Representative Theresa Conroy.

The Commission is in favor of becoming members of the Connecticut Main Street Center for an annual fee of \$750.00.

Motion to join CMSC and become members for an annual fee of \$750.00.

Motion: Marietta Sabetta

Second: Ron Balabon

Vote: Yes-6

No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-1 (R. Averill)

Motion Carries.

The Commission also discussed updating the Master Economic Development Plan prepared by Mt. Auburn back in 2006. Updates to the 1-year and 5-year plans are necessary.

ITEM # 8 ED Director Report.

No other comments.

ITEM # 9 Chairman Report.

No other comments.

ITEM # 10 Old Business.

No old business.

ITEM # 11 New Business.

CVS: the project is aggressively moving forward.

Walgreen's: project is nearing completion.

Carwash: building is almost finished. Carwash will be up and running soon.

ITEM # 12 Correspondence.

No other correspondence.

ITEM # 13 Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm.

Motion: Marietta Sabetta

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-6

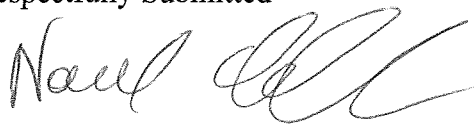
No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-1 (R. Averill)

Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Onofrio", followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Nancy Onofrio

Recording Secretary