

**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Department**

**Minutes – Special Meeting
Wednesday - November 4, 2009 @ 7:00pm
Flaherty Room – Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: Michael H. Horbal.

Others Present: First Selectman Elect Paul Roy, Mr. Joe Migani, State Representative Theresa Conroy.

ITEM #1 Call Meeting in Order.
Meeting called in order at 7:00pm.

ITEM # 2 Pledge of Allegiance.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM # 3 First Selectman Comments.
First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski not present at the moment.
First Selectman Elect Paul Roy is present. First Selectman Roy thanks the Commission for their hard work and dedication and looks forward to working very closely with all the members and to continue the great work. He wants to sit down with the Commission and prioritize on what projects to get done.

ITEM # 4 Public Comment.
Update from State Representative Theresa Conroy.

1. Had a meeting at Town Hall about the trestle bridge with First Selectman Koskolowski and representatives from DOT. They have found lead paint and have included it the list of projects for this season. They will begin phase I of the work the weekend of December 4, 2009. Phase I will remove all lead paint and is being funded from the State. Phase II will not come until the fall 2010 when the structure will be analyzed and a decision will be made on the extent of the work. Phase II will be funded mostly by the state and in part by the federal government.
2. Representative Conroy asked DOT to consolidate signs coming off Route 8 exit 22. The Division of Traffic Engineering is working on this project and we should see the area cleaned up in the near future.
3. Chairman Jon Szuch asked Representative Conroy to gather information about Economic Directors in the state which she submitted to the commissioners at the meeting.

Joe Migani, 16 Bank Street, O'Riordan Migani Architects LLC, is attending the meeting to present the Phase II of his downtown project. Phase II would create additional senior

housing and retail space in the downtown area. The building would be about 60 feet high and include 6 floors. The project will probably not break ground for another 4-5 years but he believes it's worthwhile and needed to fill the shortage of senior housing in town. He has the full support of the Housing Authority and worked very closely with them during the planning stages. The Commission is very excited about this project but has some questions about the parking downtown. They feel that parking is at premium already and they don't want the situation to get worse. Mr. Migani assures the Commission that on average, based on statistics obtained from existing senior housing in town, only about 50% of the units require a parking lot. He's providing one parking space per unit. At the current building only about half of the occupants own cars and he expects the phase II to be the same.

Mr. Migani also offered to assist the Town in the grant writing process. First Selectman Elect Paul Roy asked Mr. Migani to assist the current Grants Coordinator to do a better job. He feels that she has not had the appropriate training and is not qualified enough to get all available grants to the Town.

ITEM # 5 Approval of October 7, 2009 Minutes.

Motion to approve October 7, 2009 Minutes with the correction to add Ted Holly under Members Present.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Abstain-1 (R. Balabon) Absent-1 (M. H. Horbal)

ITEM # 6 Discuss Budget FY 2010-11.

The Commission will return next month and discuss what projects to take on during the fiscal year 2010/2011. One possibility would be revamping the downtown with new upgraded lamp posts.

Motion to approve 2010 EDC Meeting Schedule as presented.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Ron Balabon

Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (M. H. Horbal)

Motion passes.

ITEM # 7 Continue Discussion of Elderly Housing Proposal.

No further discussion.

ITEM # 8 ED Director Report.

Secretary's Report:

New Haven Copper: the wall is still not repaired. Town Engineer Jim Galligan his still waiting for Olin to comply with their requests.

Marketing: Sharon from Tonsha will be present at the next meeting to present what we have so far.

Town Video: Joe Sullivan is continuing to conduct interviews and to take shots of the downtown. He was not able to make it to First Saturday last month but he will be downtown for the Christmas Carolers in December.

ITEM # 9 Chairman Report.
No further comments.

ITEM # 10 Business Updates.
No other business updates.

ITEM # 11 Public Comment.
No other public comment.

ITEM # 12 Correspondence.
No other correspondence.

ITEM # 13 Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Ted Holly

Vote: Yes-6

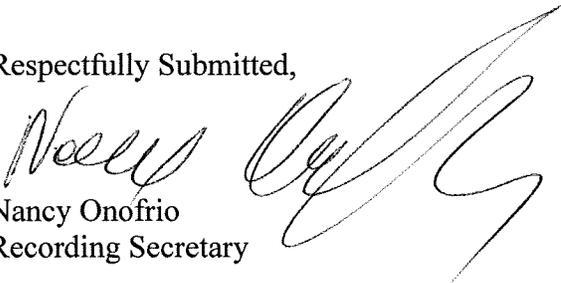
No-0

Abstain-0

Absent-1 (M. H. Horbal)

Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Nancy Onofrio
Recording Secretary