

Town of Seymour
Economic Development Department

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Minutes
Wednesday – July 1, 2009 @ 7:00pm
Flaherty Room – Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Michael H. Horbal.

Others Present: none.

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 Robert J. Koskelowski not present at the moment.

ITEM # 4 Approval of June 2, 2009 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes with following correction:

Under ITEM # 9 the last sentence of the paragraph should read as follows:

Architecturally the new building will have an industrial flair and it will make use of some old equipment left behind that will both accent the property as well as showcase some of the site's history.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Joe Cass

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

ITEM # 5 Discuss Elderly Housing Proposal.

Commissioner Michael H. Horbal submitted an article published in the Connecticut Post on Monday June 18, 2009 "More elderly housing planned in Seymour" for discussion. Commissioner Horbal is not present at this meeting but he feels that the project needs some evaluation. Parking is a challenge already for the downtown businesses and he feels that before we add anything we should consider the impact on the downtown area. The rest of the commissioners feel the same. Mr. Migani was invited to attend the meeting but was unable to attend due to medical leave. The Commission feels this items can further be discuss at the august meeting when hopefully Mr. Migani can be presents and answer any questions the commission has and also present a plan the commission can review.

ITEM # 6 Discuss Adjustments to EDC Proposed Zone Changes.

Commissioner Horbal was present at the P&Z meeting on June 11, 2009 at which meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission decided for the time being to consider the

some of the changes and set a public hearing to be held at the Seymour Town Hall in the Norma Drummer Room on July 9, 2009 at 7:00pm. Commissioner Michael H. Horbal urged all the commissioners to be present to continued to support the EDC changes and to be available to answer any questions the public might have.

ITEM # 7 ED Director Report.

Secretary's Report:

- All funds remaining from fiscal year 2008-2009 have been encumbered and will be available to continue to work on the ongoing EDC projects such as the website and the marketing materials as well as the soon to be updated town video.
- Worked in collaboration with Debi Molfese of Welcome Wagon to had a Seymour page printed in their next book.
- A banner has been printed to be placed at French Memorial Park to advertise www.seymouredc.com.

Members of the commission suggested the secretary look into advertising into different papers and magazines to capitalize on the website and to have a spreadsheet available at the next meeting to present to the board.

Chairman Jon Szuch informs the rest of the Commission that Mr. Blakeman is actively pursuing luring a big restaurant chain in Town at the site of the new Walgreens and that plans of putting up two additional buildings might turn into plans to erect one building and to have a restaurant occupy the location.

Site of former Shell station is once again blighted. Blight department will be informed of the situation.

Now that the new Walgreen's building is taking shape and it looks like it's official, the old Walgreen's plaza needs to be contacted to see what his intentions are and understand if a new tenant is already lined up.

New CVS building is still awaiting DOT approval.

The Commission came up with the idea to have the now closed ice-cream shop by the Strand Theater taken over by the Strand and combine it with the movies to offer a better service to the residence and to also reopen a business that is now closed.

ITEM # 8 Update on EDC Website.

The website continues to be updated on a regular basis and is receiving a considerable amount of hits. For next meeting have Web Solutions add a website hit counter.

ITEM # 9 Chairman Report.

No further comments.

ITEM # 10 Business Updates.

No further business updates.

ITEM # 11 Public Comment.
No public comment.

ITEM # 12 Correspondence.
No additional correspondence.

ITEM # 13 Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm.

Motion: Ted Holly
Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0

Second: Joe Cass
Disqualified-0 Absent-1 (M.H. Horbal)

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy Onofrio
Recording Secretary