

Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission

Minutes

Tuesday – May 5, 2009 @ 7:00pm
Flaherty Room – Town Hall

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

Others: Theresa Conroy, State Representative

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 April 7, 2009 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes as submitted.

Motion: Michael H. Horbal

Second: Joe Cass

Vote: Yes-3 (R. Averill, J. Cass, M. H. Horbal) No-0 Abstain-2 (J. Szuch, M. Sabetta) Disqualified-0 Absent-2 (T. Holly, R. Balabon)

Motion carries.

ITEM # 5 Director Report.

Chairman Jon Szuch compliments Commissioner Michael H. Horbal for all his hard work on putting together the packets of proposed zone changes we have presented to P&Z.

The item is on the agenda for the P&Z meeting on May 14, 2009. Some of the commission members will be there to answer any questions if they arise before the public hearing is scheduled.

Secretary's Report:

New CVS Plaza – Fire Marshall Paul Wetowitz has received and his reviewing plans for the plaza. The project is moving forward.

New Haven Copper – in contact with Mike Bellotti, who is keeping the department updated on what is happening. Town Engineer, Jim Galligan, is of the opinion that Metro North should be notified and involved in the process of repairing the retaining wall. Olin would rather not involve Metro North and is looking to repair the wall as soon as an agreement is reached with the Town.

Business Breakfast – with the downtown businesses on May 13th 2009, the flyer as been mailed/email to all of the businesses downtown.

New Walgreen's Plaza – the project is moving forward. Construction has started.

Car wash – the plan for an automatic carwash in the back of Naugatuck Savings Bank are still moving forward. Developer Phil Pedros is aggressively looking to have the project done and the carwash open by November 2009. The commission is very happy to know that the Town is finally getting a carwash.

Tri-Town Plaza – Realtor Stephen Krasney has updated the demographic information for the plaza and has assembled a packet to entice an additional grocery store in Town.

Rogol's Building – Commissioner Ted Holly received an inquiry this week from someone interested in opening a restaurant at this location.

Seymour Lumber – no updates.

Housatonic Lumber – have not received new information from owner Alex Budzinski, who last month stated his intentions to develop the site himself with the help of a friend.

ITEM # 6 Update on EDC Website.

Secretary Nancy Onofrio informs the Commission that the website will be up and running by May 26, 2009. Training is being provided by Web Solutions and updates are being made daily. All newspapers will be notified and a press release will go out next week.

ITEM # 7 Chairman Report.

Chairman Jon Szuch expressed the desire to update the old Town of Seymour Brochure dating back to the 1990's. Updates will be made this month by the secretary and an initial proof of the marketing material will be provided at the next meeting for the commission to review and revise if necessary. The target is to have the marketing material printed by the month of June or at the latest July 2009.

Grants: a list of grants was distributed to all members and Representative Theresa Conroy to review and discuss. Representative Conroy informed the board that the Town has received the funds for the *Lead Based paint Remediation Project on Seymour Avenue* as well as the *Septic Pump Ejection System on Seymour Avenue*. She also informed the Commission that the *Fish Bypass/Tingue Dam Project* is still moving forward but has hit some road blocks. There are some issues with the two properties involved, belonging to Olin Corp and Nesteriak respectively. Attorney Fred Stanek is working on this case. DEP has had money put aside for this project since the 90's. Everyone is in support of the project and it will get underway as soon as the land issues are solved. The *Randal Field* is a bit more complicated than it looks. It has been denied for the first round of the stimulus funds.

EDC is in favor and supports the *Dog Park at Gary Park Project* and all efforts made by the Parks Commission, as well as the request to add tennis courts up at French Park. The 2008 EDC Questionnaire showed a demand for both a dog park and additional tennis courts around Town and it's nice to see the people of Seymour are getting some of what they have asked for.

ITEM # 8 Business Updates.
No other business updates.

ITEM # 9 Public Comment.

Representative Theresa Conroy made a comment about looking into aesthetic codes for the Town of Seymour. The commission has been pushing this issue for quit a while.

ITEM # 10 Correspondence.

Two flyers were distributed:

- *Stroll into Spring in Downtown Seymour*: sponsored by the Seymour Culture and Arts Commission and the Downtown Merchant's Association, event to take place on Saturday May 9, 2009. Long stem roses will be given to moms.
- *Downtown Clean up Day*: sponsored by the Downtown Merchant's Association, event to take place on Sunday May 17, 2009. Volunteers' effort to clean up the downtown and get it ready for spring.

ITEM # 11 Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13pm.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

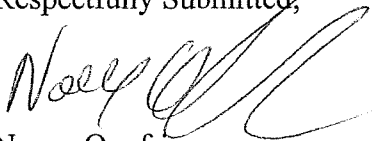
Second: Joe Cass

Vote: Yes-5 (J. Szuch, J. Cass, R. Averill, M. Sabetta, M. H. Horbal) No-0

Abstain-0 Disqualified-0

Absent-2 (R. Balabon, T. Holly)

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy Onofrio

Recording Secretary