

**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission**

*Special Meeting*  
**Minutes**

Thursday – January 8, 2009 6:30pm  
Norma Drummer Room – Town Hall

Members Present: Jon Szuch, Ted Holly, Rosalie Averill, Marietta Sabetta, Michael H. Horbal, Nancy Onofrio Recording Secretary.  
Members Not-present: Ron Balabon, Joe Cass.

Others Present: Don Smith Consulting Engineer.

ITEM # 1 Call Meeting in Order.  
Meeting called in order at 6:32pm by Chairman Jon Szuch.

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

ITEM # 3 Election of New Officers.  
Motion to go out of order to Item #5 on agenda in absence of some board members.

Motion: Rosalie Averill                      Second: Michael H. Horbal  
Vote: 4-Yes (R.Averill, J. Szuch, T. Holly, M. H. Horbal)                      0-No  
0-Abstain    0-Disqualified            3-Not present (M. Sabetta, J. Cass, R. Balabon)

Member Marietta Sabetta joins the meeting.

ITEM # 5 Approval of December 2, 2009 Minutes.  
Motion to approve minutes with the following minor change:  
Under Item #5 ED Director Report when talking about the Walgreens project make it clear the Director was referring to the *New* Walgreens project.

Motion: Rosalie Averill                      Second: Marietta Sabetta  
Vote: 5-Yes (R. Averill, J. Szuch, T. Holly, M. H. Horbal, M. Sabetta)  
0-No            0-Abstain            0-Disqualified            2-Not present (Joe Cass, R. Balabon)  
Motion carries.

ITEM # 4 First Selectman Comments.  
First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski not present.  
No action taken.

ITEM # 6 ED Director Report.

Director John Criscuolo not present. Secretary Nancy Onofrio reports Director is working on a letter to be sent to P&Z supporting Dom Priest's application to develop the corner lot at 67 and Cogwheel. He's also currently keeping in touch with his contacts via personal email.

ITEM # 7 Discuss Proposed Planning & Zoning Changes to 172 North Street.

Commission Member Michael H. Horbal abstains from any discussion or motions since he has worked for the applicant on this and other projects. The commission asks Mr. Horbal to give details about the project. Mr. Horbal explains the plans for the site include a 2-story strip mall. The site is too narrow to be develop for industrial use and so the developers are asking for a zone change.

The EDC would like to make a motion in support of the zone changes, pending the approval of P&Z of course.

Motion: Rosalie Averill                      Second: Marietta Sabetta

Vote: 5-Yes (J. Szuch, R. Averill, M. Sabetta, T. Holly)      0-No

1-Abstain (M. H. Horbal)      0-Disqualified      2-Not present (J. Cass, R. Balabon)

Further discussion leads the board to not take action on this item. Commissioner Rosalie Averill amends the motion.

ITEM # 8 Finalize 2009 EDC Budget.

Motion to pass Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for \$26,030 as proposed by Chairman.

Motion: Michael H. Horbal                      Second: Rosalie Averill

Vote: 5-Yes (J. Szuch, R. Averill, M. Sabetta, T. Holly, M.H. Horbal)

0-No      0-Abstain      0-Disqualified      2-Not present (Joe Cass, R. Balabon)

See Attachment for full Budget.

ITEM # 9 Update on 2008 EDC Questionnaire.

Secretary Nancy Onofrio reports on the status of the 2008 Questionnaire. About 2,000 questionnaires were returned and she is currently working on a report to show the results of the questionnaire. A full report will be provided for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

ITEM # 10 Chairman Report.

No Chairman Report.

ITEM # 11 Public Comment.

Don Smith, 56 Greenwood Circle, professional engineer, with office at 56 Greenwood Circle, is representing an applicant currently under contract with property at 172 North Street. Plans for this project, The Route 67 Project, are a 17,000 sqf retail/commercial 2-story building. The two principals Joe Negrorios and John Guedes are submitting plans to change the zoning classification of the property at 172 North Street from the present GI-2 General Industrial Zoning District to the proposed C-2 General Commercial Zoning District. A site plan application for this project has not been submitted yet.

The Commission is in favor of this project and therefore supports the zone changes proposed by the client, pending P&Z approval of course.

Commissioner Ron Balabon joins the meeting at 6:55pm.

ITEM # 12 Correspondence Update.

No Correspondence.

Commissioner Joe Cass joins the meeting at 7:00 pm.

ITEM # 3 Election of New Officers.

Motion to re-elect present officers for the year 2009.

Motion: Michael H. Horbal

Second: Marietta Sabetta

Vote: 7-Yes      0-No   0-Abstain   0-Disqualified   0-Not Present

ITEM # 13 Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:05pm.

Motion: Rosalie Averill

Second: Mike H. Horbal

Vote: 7-Yes   0-No   0-Abstain   0-Disqualified   0-Not Present

Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by

Reviewed by

Nancy Onofrio  
Recording Secretary

John Criscuolo  
Economic Dev. Director