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Town of Seymour Economic Development Commission

Minutes
Tuesday – October 7, 2008
Flaherty Room

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

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.

No action taken.

Ron Balabon enters meeting at 7:03pm.

ITEM # 4 Approval of September 2, 2008 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes as is

Motion: Rosalie Averill Second: Ted Holly

Vote: 4-Yes (R. Averill, J. Szuch, T. Holly, M. H. Horbal) 0-No

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

Motion carries.

Joe Cass enters meeting at 7:05pm.

ITEM # 5 ED Director Report.

See enclosure.

- Director attended first Regional Roundtable Meeting. Priority is infrastructure. Pool of money available from a regional approach. Will see if we can use some of this money to acquire the New Haven Copper parking lot downtown. Will discuss with the NHC contact we are meeting this month.

Marietta Sabetta joins the meeting at 7:07pm.

- Met with Sheila O'Malley of Derby EDD to discuss how the economy is effecting economic development in Derby. Working in conjunction with other valley towns gives us a better chance to receive state funds.
- Sent letter to Price Chopper asking them to consider the Town of Seymour for future expansion.
- Assisting Petruzello, business looking for a warehouse to store inventory to expand their reach.
- Website: A sample of the Seymour Economic Development Website was passed around to show how the project is progressing. Commission was very pleased with the results so far.
- Assisting Vin Daddio with Enterprise Corridor Zone process.
- Assisting Tony Mavulo from Villa Bianca with his expansion plans.

Note: Send a letter to Ray Sous to clean up his property, former Shell site.

ITEM # 6 Discuss Printed Marketing Materials.

The Board was presented with some estimates from TonSha and had general discussion on what they would like to see. It was agreed that as soon as the website is done a more informed decision can be made. Ask businesses if they would like to be featured on the materials as well as website.

ITEM # 7 Discuss Updating Town Video.

The commission agreed not to discuss this item until next May, due to other ongoing projects.

ITEM # 8 Chairman Report.

Chairman Jon Szuch talked to Mr. Julian, who believes the Town of Seymour still has a lot of potential.

ITEM # 9 Public Comment.

- Commissioner Rosalie Averill asked about the Master Economic Development Plan Transition Team (MEDPTT). The MEDPTT is no longer meeting. The charge of the committee was to implement the Master Economic Development Plan, however after contributing to creating the Economic Development Department the Plan is now in the hands of the Department.

ITEM # 10 Correspondence Update.

Included in the packet were:

- Copy of the Invitation to the Downtown Businesses
- Copy of an Invitation to Open Space Community Forum
- Copy of EDD Financials
- Copy of EDC Financials
- Copies of various articles in the newspaper over the last month

ITEM # 11 Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25pm.

Motion: Joe Cass Second: Ted Holly

Vote: 7-Yes (J. Szuch, R. Averill, M. H. Horbal, T. Holly, J. Cass, M. Sabetta, R. Balabon) 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualified 0-Not Present

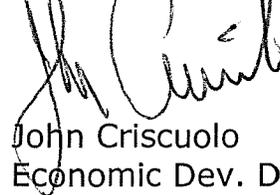
Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by



Nancy Onofrio
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by



John Criscuolo
Economic Dev. Director

Economic Development Director's Report
10/07/08

- Attended the Regional Roundtable (see attached) on 10/02/08
- Attended the CEDS (comprehensive economic development strategy) meeting on Sept. 24th.
- Attended the Valley Chamber of Comm. job fair at Bsmt. Systems on Oct. 1st.
- Met with Derby EDD, Shiela O'Malley.
- Solicited Price Chopper as possible tenant for Tri-Town
- Spoke with potential Tri-Town tenant-realtor has changed
- Assisting possible warehouse client, put him in touch with John Allen
- Preparing for merchant meeting on 10/08/08
- Working on website design, hope to launch by November
- Met with Vin Daddio regarding Enterprise Corr. Zone
- Met with Silvermine tenant regarding Enterprise Corr. Zone
- Continue communication with HWC and Seymour Lumber
- Met with Tony from Villa, reviewed plans for hotel expansion
- Spoke with Ted Shaffer, attempting to locate property for a client