

Town of Seymour
Master Economic Development Plan Transition Team
Thursday, May 22, 2008 @ 7:30 PM @
Town Hall/Norma Drummer Room

Members present: Chairman, John Conroy, Jr., Keith Robinson, Robin Imbrogno-Greenfield, and Fred Stanek.

Members not present: Steve Plotkin

Others present: John Criscuolo, Economic Director

John Criscuolo, Economic Director left the meeting @ 8:15 PM

- Chairman, John Conroy, Jr., opened the meeting @ 7:31 PM.

Item # 1 - Everyone Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item # 2 – Approve Minutes from March 20, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Mike Horbal

Second: Fred Stanek

4-Yes (Mike Horbal, Fred Stanek, John Conroy, Jr., Keith Robinson) 0-No

2-Abstain (Robin Imbrogno-Greenfield, Ron Balabon) 0-Disqualify

Item # 3 – Report from Economic Development Director, including updates on New Haven Copper facility.

John Criscuolo, Economic Director discussed

- New Haven Copper, he has sent out correspondence along with emails trying to make contact with Kurt Richards. John did get an auto response back stating that Kurt was out of Town until May 27, 2008 and John would try again.
- Currently there are two potential buyers interested on a piece of property located at Silvermine Industrial Park.
- One property for lease/sale had a potential lease however the owner decided to sell instead of leasing and the deal fell through.
- Currently the Economic Development business retention meetings with business in the Industrial Park have been wrapped up. The feedback has been very positive and everyone is happy with the Enterprise Corridor Zone. There were two major concerns one in being snow storms and Public Works getting to the top of the hill and clearing of snow. The second being the road condition at the bottom of Cogwheel Rd and of Route 67. John did speak with the First Selectman and a hot patch has been laid and they are hoping to pave that area.
- JV Precision is staying in Seymour but will be expanding to Oxford for a new business venture.
- Slick Bar will be leaving the Town due to expansion and currently there is nothing available in the Town that would provide them with the space to accommodate their growing business.
- Basement Systems is purchasing a lot of land for future expansion.
- Seymour Lumber will be closing the Seymour location but does want to develop the property into office space, retail or mixed use. This will come later down the road.
- Housatonic Wire is currently in discussions with developers.

- The Town has thirteen new businesses opening up mostly home based.
- Update on CVS & Walgreens projects are in the hands of DOT no word as of yet.
- Tri Town Plaza still no discussion with Mr. Spector and possibly won't be any until court case is settled.
- Daddio property is for sale this is a hilly area and will take a lot of work to clear, may be good for an excavating company to buy.
- The Business to Business meeting was not well attended about 6 to 8 business showed up.
- The Economic Development department is working on creating an introduction packet for opening a new business.

Item # 4 – Discuss ideas from Joint Land Use Board / Town Official / ED Personnel workshop from March 31, 2008.

- Hold joint meetings with Boards on a periodic basis which would come from the First Selectman's office.
- Economic Analysis, pros & cons, creating a template. Possibly having the Board of Finance pick this up going forward. John Conroy, Jr. to contact Trish Danka, Chairman Board of Finance regarding this.
- Economic Development Director to develop packet for opening new business.

Item # 5 – Discuss “Downtown Promotional Package” and overall Downtown development planning.

- EDC is looking at Streetscapes/Esthetics
- Best use development.
- Parking is an issue – look for ways to create more parking for the Down Town area.
- Creating uniformed signage – John Conroy to get information on rules & regulations regarding signage & zoning ordinances.
- Mike Horbal to get maps together for review.

Item # 6 – Determine necessity for any additional meetings for this team.

The Board felt that at this time there is a need for the Master Economic Development Plan Transition Team to continue.

Item # 7 – Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:31 PM.

Motion: Robin Imbrogno-Greenfield

Second: Ron Balabon

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved Via Email By,

Denise Powell,
Recording Secretary

John Conroy, Jr.
Chairman