

Seymour Economic Development Commission  
Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
7 p.m.

Members Present: Joseph Cass, Ron Balabon, Rosalie Averill, Michael Horbal, Ted Holly

Absent: Jon Szuch

Others Present: John Criscuolo

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Ron Balabon at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Balabon

Rosalie Averill approved minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting, second by Ted Holly, all in favor.

Director's report: **Discussed** the April 2, 2008 Economic Forum; approx. 70 people attended. Plans are set for the May 7<sup>th</sup> Business to Business Forum, set for 5:30 to 7:30pm at Hot Tamales. Discussed first selectman's plans to clean up downtown, especially along the railroad. Updated comm. on CVS and Walgreens projects and issues with DOT. Members would like the first selectman and ED director to meet with state representatives to discuss frustration of Seymour and the Rte. 67 corridor. Updated commission members on various meeting attended by the ED Director and the administrative assistant. Economic Development solicitation packets continue to be sent to various retailers and restaurants. Discussed potential company relocating from Bridgeport to the industrial park, currently looking for an appropriate lease to meet their needs. Inventory of available property within town continues to be updated. ED Director met with new Mgr. from Villa Bianca. They are looking to increase their weekday activities. EDC members suggested such things as "cruise nights" such as Heavenly Doughnuts does on a Sunday. Will have ED admin. Asst. contact with suggestion. Director's report attached. Discussion and questions followed.

Member Michael Horbal presented a concept plan for the future of New Haven Copper Co. The ED Director continues to attempt contact with Olin Corp. manager **with no success**.

No chairman's report presented as chair was absent due to work schedule.

No public comment

Director presented a request to join site finder through CERC. This would allow realtors to go to the CERC website to search for and post available property. The town would be able to provide a link from our website to CERC as well. The cost is \$550.00 yearly and would provide more exposure for the town to the business community. Members had

questions as to a limit of properties that can be posted and what the budget of the EDC is at present. Motion to table request to the May 2008 meeting made by Rosalie and second by Mike, all in favor.

No correspondence presented.

No other business presented

Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm made by Rosalie, second by Joe, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

John Criscuolo