## Seymour Economic Development Commission Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Jon Szuch, Joseph Cass, Ron Balabon, Rosalie Averill, Michael Horbal. Members Absent: Ian Johnson Others Present: Ted Holly.

Meeting called to order at 7:15p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Szuch

Chairman Szuch reminded members of conflict of interest disclosure

Ted Holly was introduced in the audience. He is a local business entrepreneur that owns Ted's Lawn Care. He is being appointed to EDC this evening by the Board of Selectmen to replace Robert Volpacchio who resigned due to time constraints from his two restaurant businesses in NY and Seymour. The commission thanked Mr. Volpacchio for his nearly two years of committed and dedicated service to the Town of Seymour.

Approval of January 2, 2008 minutes: Motion to accept by Joe Cass, second by Rosalie Averill. Four in favor, none opposed, one abstain (M. Horbal).

EDC Director's report: Members were updated on progress of CVS and Walgreen's projects which are moving forward. Interviews for Director's secretary were completed Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Attempts to contact Ron Spector are still being made regarding Tri Town Plaza. Potential car wash is being explored by area business man. Updates on other activities of Director were discussed. Discussion followed regarding potential future projects within Seymour.

Discussion of tri-fold EDC brochure. Monroe brochure used as an example. Pricing for project ranges up to \$1187 for 250 pieces. Discussion regarding content of packet should include town demographics, education system, parks & recreation, public safety, etc. Ron Balabon will continue to work on project along with director.

No public comment.

Update regarding various projects. Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual business to business forum. Date set for May 7<sup>th</sup>, location to be determined. Budget for event is \$5,000. Plans also being made for Economic Development Forum, to be held April 2<sup>nd</sup> at either the Middle or High School Auditorium. Approx. 7400 postcards needed to send to all Seymour households. Cost for this event is estimated at approx. \$500. Various newspaper articles were shared regarding area business events by Chairman Szuch with the Board.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. made by R. Balabon, second by J. Cass. All in favor.

Submitted by: John Criscuolo.