

**Seymour Economic Development Commission
Tuesday September 4, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Jon Szuch, Ron Balabon, Rosalie Averill, Mike Horbal, Joe Cass, Ian Johnson

Members Absent: Bert Volpacchio

Others Present: Al Yagovane

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chairman Szuch

3. Reminder: Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest forms

Jon reminded all commission members in regards to disclosure forms .

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to table approval of minutes until the October 2, 2007 meeting.

Motion: Mike Horbal

Second: Ron Balabon

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Motion to add EDC Director's Position to the agenda.

Motion: Mike Horbal

Second: Rosalie Averill

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Jon reported that there were 4 applications for the PT position. Jon requested that a member of EDC Commission be involved in the interviewing with the First Selectman and John Conroy Jr. The board agreed that Rosalie would be present and will inform BOS of this decision by the EDC Commission.

(Rosalie exited the meeting at 7:30 P.M.)

5. Continue Proposed Downtown Seymour Aesthetic Design Concepts

Downtown Memorial Park/Broad Street Park: Al stated nothing has changed. The estimate is still at \$12,000.00 . Al stated he would handle the labor with the major costs being materials and an electrician would be needed to handle the lighting. Al stated that the lighting would be similar to what is currently on Main Street.

Jon and the board agreed they liked the idea and are willing to allocate funds from the EDC budget to assist in bringing the project forward. The board agreed that Al needs to move forward with getting the First Selectman's approval on the project and that EDC would have no issue with supporting the project with a transfer but that first the BOS needs to be on board with the project.

Al stated that on 10/12/07 there will be another Career Fair held at the CC.

6. Seymour Community Recognition Day:

The First Selectman is requesting that nominations be made by various boards and commissions around the town for people who are dedicated and should be recognized for their volunteerism. The board voted to nominate Al Yagovane for past and present efforts throughout the town.

7. 2008 Concepts

A donation will be made to assist with the costs of the Broad Street Park. Spring 2008 the video should be updated/edited, an additional forum should be held and additional copies of videos purchased. The board set the following as their list of 2008 plans:

1. Update town video in March 2008
2. EDC Forum
3. Tri-Fold Brochures (costs will be investigated)
4. Updated website for EDC
5. Business to Business meeting

8. Public Comment

No action taken.

9. Correspondences

Jon reported on the varying newspaper articles in the CT Post, Rep-Am, Valley Gazette.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion:	Mike Averill	Second:	Ron Balabon
Vote:	6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain
			0-Disqualify

Motion carries.