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Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Marietta Sabetta, Michael Horbal, Rosalie Averill, Alex Danka

Also Present: Fred Messore; Joanna B. Rogalski, Regional Planner, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

ITEM #1 Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Marietta Sabetta.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Chairman Marietta Sabetta.

ITEM #3 First Selectman Comments

First Selectman Kurt Miller was not in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM #4 Public Comments

No one from the public was present at the meeting.

ITEM #5 Approval of meeting minutes of June 2, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Mr. Horbal and carried 3 – 0 with Mr. Danka abstaining.

ITEM #6 POCD – ED Director Status Update

Mr. Messore introduced Joanne Rogalski, of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments who is working with the Town to create an updated Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

ITEM #7 Economic Development Director's Status Update

Mr. Messore discussed his June 2015 report with the Commission and addressed questions regarding the Connecticut Economic Resource Center Inc.'s (CERC) Economic Feasibility Study for Seymour Parcels which is being prepared.

ITEM #8 EDC Parking Signs for Downtown Parking Lots

Ms. Sabetta said Police Chief Metzler and Pat Lombardi have been asked for their input as to the location of the signs in the respective parking lots and to arrange to meet with

Nu-Age at the lots. We are waiting to hear back from them. Ms. Sabetta will contact the First Selectman for further direction.

ITEM #9 EDC Chairman's Report

No report

ITEM # 10 Old Business

None

ITEM # 11 New Business

Ms. Rogalski spoke to the Commission about the preparation of the POCD to be updated this year. The last plan was completed in 2002. The Connecticut General Assembly extended the time in which it could be prepared to July 1, 2016 with no penalties. However, it is anticipated that our POCD will be completed by November 30, 2105. She stated that the Plan can always be amended to reflect new economic policies.

She said the POCD is an advisory document, a document which will reflect our goals and our mission but still a document that has some "guts" encouraging development to be in concert with the POCD.

She asked what we felt were the responsibilities of our board and what challenges we encountered. The commissioners responded accordingly.

Ms. Rogalski supplied a map of Seymour which designated public areas and commercial areas and asked for the commissioners' comments. The commissioners pointed out areas on the map that concerned the commission including Route 34, along the Housatonic River, the Derby Avenue Corridor, Silvermine Park, Route 67 shopping areas. Ms. Rogalski led us in an open discussion concerning the needs of the public and families, expansion of facilities, the development of infrastructure, public transportation, incentives for private property owners to develop, demographics and realignment of zoning to attract economic development.

She will continue to meet with other commissions, and there will be a public hearing on the POCD on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:00 in the Norma Drummer Room at the Town Hall.

Ms. Averill moved to add cancellation of the August meeting to the Agenda. Mr. Horbal seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Horbal then moved to cancel the August 4, 2015 meeting of the EDC. Motion was seconded by Mr. Danka and carried unanimously (4-0).

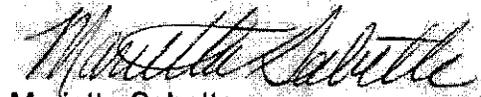
ITEM #12 Correspondence – None

ITEM #13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Averill, seconded by Mr. Danka and carried unanimously (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Marietta Sabetta.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marietta Sabetta".

Marietta Sabetta

Vice-Chairman

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EDC JUNE 2015 REPORT

6/3 Met with Attorney Steve Kulas and Jack Rinaldi regarding 360 Roosevelt Dr. to discuss potential consideration for either marketing property or re-adaptive use. Parcel is approximately +/-24 acres along Route 34 near Oxford town line

6/4 Met with Walt Oliwa and David Brennan regarding 84 New Haven Rd, a +/-7.53 Acre of land to discuss options for land

6/8 Electric Vehicle Charging Station located at the Paul Pawlak Sr. Fishway and Park at Tingue Dam parking lot went Live

6/10 Matu Patel, owner of a Gas Station 385 Roosevelt Dr. contacted me regarding any grants to renovate property

6/30 Contacted Milone & MacBroom regarding warranty on plantings for Fish Bypass that need replacing.

6/30 Received a Tax Incentive Application for 770-B Derby Ave from J.D. Greenwood L.L.C regarding newly constructed +/-6,050 sf Warehouse Building and site work.



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