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**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – 6:30 PM  
Flaherty Room - Seymour Town Hall**

Members presents: Jon Szuch, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill, Kathleen Conroy-Cass, Christine Ailman, Alex Danko (7:30). Also present Fred Messore, Economic Development Director, State Rep. Theresa Conroy.

**ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

**ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

**ITEM #3 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2016**

Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried 5-0. It was noted that on Page 2 of the minutes it should read CERC.

**ITEM #4 First Selectman Comment.**

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

**ITEM #5 Economic Development Director Update**

Mr. Messore presented his reports for January, 2016 (copy attached). Theresa Conroy stated that a meeting was held with DECD who is looking for potential sites in Seymour. They toured the area and VCOG did a presentation on transportation infrastructure oriented development.

Mr. Messore stated that the budget will be presented before the Board of Finance on February 10, 2016 at 8:30 p.m. He also stated that he met with the owner of the Housatonic Wire site and a real estate agent. There has been no activity on the site. He stated that the meeting was held to get an update on the marketing and if they had any proposals for the property. He stated that he has been speaking with Dale Kropp from the Town of Hamden and their economic development corporation. It is very proactive with their projects. He spoke with him about setting up a meeting with him and the First Selectman about an economic development corporation. He stated that this may be a good way to go if the Town is interested in purchasing properties. Mr. Messore stated that he has been doing an analysis of the properties on Derby Avenue, the Seymour Lumber site and behind Stop & Shop to determine the best use for those site. He will then look at the zoning regulations to see if any changes should be made. He stated that he received a call from the Beacon Falls building official regarding the Pier 34 and met with him and the Seymour building official and fire marshal.

Mr. Messore stated that he had a meeting about moving the radio towers from Derby to Seymour. He stated that there are only a few locations where these can be situated. This falls under the Connecticut Citing Commission. He stated that they need eight acres and was hoping that they could rent land for the towers which would benefit the town. He stated that he attended a meeting regarding the Greenway Trail and the bid for construction will not be awarded until the end of the summer.

Mr. Szuch asked about portion of Tri-Town Plaza that will be leveled. Mr. Messore stated that he did not know much about that. The members discussed the blighted condition of that site and that the town should be doing something about that. The members felt that there are several blighted areas in town and they are not being addressed. Mr. Messore stated that he will do some research on these and speak with the blight officer. He stated that there is nothing wrong with the Commission addressing their concerns about this to the Board of Selectmen.

ITEM #6 Parking signs for downtown parking lots update.

Mr. Messore stated that the contract was signed at the beginning of January. They will be doing the installation of the signs.

ITEM #7 EDC Chairman's Report

Mr. Szuch stated that he had nothing new to report.

ITEM #8 Old Business - None

ITEM #9 – New Business

Ms. Sabetta stated that the Commission can have a fundamental of municipal economic development session with the State. This would be a two hour session and can be scheduled for a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. She stated that she spoke with them about this and they would be willing to do it during one of the Commission's meetings. She stated that they would like to do this with approximately twenty people in attendance. She asked for possible dates and the members decided on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated that once a firm date is set she will let all municipal officials and boards know about the session.

ITEM #10 – Correspondence – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Averill, seconded by Ms. Sabetta and carried unanimously (6-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary

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### **EDC JAN 2016 REPORT**

1/5 Joel Liguton inquired on Webby Shop, an internet Business registered in Seymour located at 11 Rolling Hills Dr. to confirm it was a legitimate business before sending monies

1/26 Met with Don Smith (Town Enigneer), Mike Joyce (MMI), Ryan Chmielewski(MMI), Paul Wetowitz (Fire Marshal/Wetlands Chairman), Kurt Miller regarding Greenway Trail Semi Final Plans Update and timeline submission to CTDOT

1/27 Met with Alex Budzinski (Owner) and Fred Frassinelli (AMS Real Estate) regarding HWCO site at 109 River St.

1/27 Met with Abraham Hernandez (WADS 690 Radio) and Jack Betokski regarding moving towers from Derby to Seymour Town Hall

1/27 Met with David Pramer (DPS Construction), Jim Baldwin (Building Official), Paul Wetowitz (Fire Marshal) regarding former Pier 34 Site located at 377-379 Roosevelt Dr. which is for Sale.



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