

**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Flaherty Room - Seymour Town Hall**

Members presents: Jon Szuch, Marietta Sabetta, Pat Lombardi and Christine Ailman.
Also present Fred Messore, Economic Development Director.

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:50 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 – February 2, 2016

Ms. Sabetta moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ailman and carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Lombardi abstaining.

ITEM #4 First Selectman Comment.

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

ITEM #5 Public Comments

There was no one present at the meeting wishing to speak.

ITEM #6 Economic Development Director Update

Mr. Messore presented his report for February 2016 (copy attached). Mr. Lombardi asked who owns the railroad wall that was listed in his report. Mr. Messore stated that it is privately owned by Circuit Breaker Sales Northeast. Mr. Szuch stated that it is a blight situation. Mr. Messore stated that he spoke with the blight officer and also Jim Baldwin and was told that there is not a legal approach to it being a blight situation. He also stated that he met with the general manager from the Company to see if this was addressed when they purchased the property. He also stated that several years ago Mike Horbal and Don Smith did estimated for the previous owner of different options on how to handle the wall and its condition. The least expensive option is just to let it slope and come down. If a wall is built it would have to get permission from the owner. He stated that he received permission to present these options to the current owner. He stated that the goal is to try and get some additional use of the parking lot in off hours.

Mr. Szuch asked about an update on Tri-Town and Mr. Messore stated that he has heard that some of the buildings are scheduled to be taken down but he has not seen any plans for this.

Mr. Lombardi asked Mr. Messore to look at the retaining wall at the railroad. Mr. Messore stated that he was not sure who owned that but will look into it and felt that it is most likely MetroNorth.

Ms. Sabetta moved to add to the agenda discussions of last two items on the proposed budget – Silvermine Industrial Park signage and EDC breakfasts and luncheons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ailman and carried unanimously (4-0).

Ms. Sabetta stated that the Board of Finance is looking for a more detailed explanation on the line item for the Silvermine signage reflecting technical and industrial park. Mr. Szuch asked if Mr. Messore was able to determine if the name could be changed to technology park. Mr. Messore stated that he has not received any confirmation on that. He stated that with the expansion of Basement Systems and other work in that area appropriate signage should be there.

ITEM #7 Parking Signs for Downtown Parking Lots Update.

Mr. Messore stated that he has contacted the company to find out when the signs could be installed. He stated that he was told that they are waiting for the weather to get better and he will contact them again now that the weather is improving. He stated that there are still some signs that were done by the previous company that need to be corrected and restored. He will get an estimate on how much this will cost and report back to the Commission. It was noted that there are funds in the budget to cover this.

Mr. Lombardi asked about work that Eversource was to do with replacing the pole at the corner of Bank and First Streets. Mr. Messore stated that he was told that the work will be done.

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 - None

ITEM #10 – Correspondence – None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Jon Szuch.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio
Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary

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EDC FEB 2016 REPORT

2/9 Spoke to Jim Baldwin regarding Tri-Town and the Railroad Wall located @ 64-80 Main St.

2/10 Contacted John Namnoum, General Manager, from Circuit Breaker Sales (CBS) NE Inc.

2/11 Met with John Namnoum to tour plant and discuss concerns of the retaining wall

2/17 Spoke with Mike Horbal /Don Smith on Cost Estimates of various repair/replace options for retaining wall

2/22 Spoke with Greg Tarone, CT/NY Realtor who expressed interest in 360 Roosevelt Dr. which is for sale and wanted to discuss the zoning and a use he wants to represent

2/24 Spoke with Attny Steven Kulas who represents the owner of 360 Roosevelt Dr., regarding conversation with realtor and possible use of US Rowing Association

2/29 Spoke with Craig Heyse from Coldwell Banker Commercial regarding a new listing in Downtown for sale 23 Main St, former Trestle Tavern, asking \$325,000



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