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**SEYMOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Public Hearing Minutes  
October 4, 2016  
Flaherty Room, Town Hall

**Members Present:** M. Sabetta, R. Averill, A. Danka, C. Ailman

**Member Absent:** J. Szuch, K. Conroy

**Others Present:** Fred Messore, EDC Director

**ITEM #1**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ITEM #2**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes of prior meeting – September 6, 2016**

Mrs. Averill moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ailman and carried unanimously (4-0).

**Item #4 – First Selectman's Comments**

The First Selectman was not present at the meeting.

**ITEM #5 – Public Comments**

There was no one from the public in attendance.

**Item #6 – Economic Development Director Update.**

Mr. Messore presented his report for September, 2016 (copy attached). He stated that the bids for the Greenway Trail were due back on September 15, 2016. He stated that four bid packets were picked up but there was only one bid received. The bid was reviewed by Milone and MacBroom and submitted to the State DOT. He stated that an addendum had been prepared to the bid specifications and all four individuals were made aware of the addendum. He stated that the one bid was substantially over the allocated amount for the work and he felt that it should be re-bid. He stated that it is on the agenda at this evening's Board of Selectmen meeting to reject the bid. He stated that it needs to be reviewed by the State and also rejected by the State. He felt that it was worth re-bidding the project and hopes that there will be more bidders.

Mrs. Averill asked about the item on Mr. Messore's report regarding 37 Columbus Street. Mr. Messore stated that he was contacted by someone who had a client

interested in leasing the space for an art gallery. He stated that he does not have anything further to report but he did get the individuals in contact with one another.

He stated that he was contacted by someone about Tri-Town Plaza and he told the person that the plan is to take the buildings down but nothing has been there at this time. Mr. Messore stated that he contacted Nu-Age regarding the sign at the rotary on Great Hill Road and a meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2016 to get cost estimates and also information on the design.

#### ITEM #7 – EDC Chairman's Report

Mr. Szuch was not in attendance at the meeting and there was no report.

#### Item #8 – Old Business

Ms. Sabetta stated that she will be writing a letter to Dee Caruso thanking her for all the work she did on the business directory. She stated that she will copy the First Selectman on the letter.

Alex Danka stated that he and Christine Ailman did an inventory of all the banners that the Town has and he also spoke with the First Selectman who informed him that there is \$1,500.00 in the EDC Director budget for banners for downtown. He stated that he contacted an individual who will be making a small patch that can be put over the picture on the banners and this way they can be reused. He stated that there are a lot of Fall banners and these will be re-designed with the patches and then hung in certain places in town. Mr. Messore stated that he would like to see banners along the two bridges. Mr. Danka stated that there are small flags that could be used on the bridges and the poles and brackets are also available for those. He stated that he will have a few flags done and bring them to the next meeting for the members to look at.

Mr. Messore stated that he has contacted the sponsors of the Adopt A Spot locations and advised them of some additional landscaping that needs to be done in some areas and also some maintenance work that needs to be done. He stated that he sent them pictures of what the areas look like. He stated that he advised them that if the issues are not addressed their contract could be cancelled.

Ms. Sabetta stated that she was disappointed that the economic development training session had to be cancelled. She felt that this would have been very informative and felt that another training session should be scheduled. She stated that all boards and commissions should be invited.

#### Item #9 – New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

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## EDC SEPTEMBER 2016 REPORT

9/12 Met with Ehlanya Napolitano from Voices to interview on Seymour Technology Campus name change

9/15 Bids due in for Greenway Trail State Project No. 124-170

9/16 Four Bid packages given out during Bidding period and One received from Guerrero Construction for \$899,699 and \$82,220 for Additive Alternate Bid No. 1 totaling \$981,919

9/20 Met with Stewart Kohen / Anthe Zacharias and facilitated a call to the owners of 37 Columbus St. to lease space for art gallery

9/22 Spoke with John Dantona Sr. regarding Tri-Town

9/22 Inquired with Carleigh Welch from Levitt Pavilion in Downtown Westport for Seymour to consider a similar structure for events / concerts

9/26 State of CT DOT has requested a letter from Town of Seymour to Re-Bid Greenway Trail

9/27 Reviewed Adopt A Spot Locations and emailed/ contacted sponsors on conditions found, some need to address immediately or consequence could be losing their sponsorship.

9/28 Send out Documents needed for Bid received to be denied and Re-Bid project



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