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**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.  
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

Members present: Christine Aliman, Pat Lombardi, Chris Bowen, Claudia Thomas, Robert VanEgghen. Also present First Selectman Kurt Miller.

**ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order.**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairwoman Christine Aliman.

**ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Christine Aliman.

**ITEM #3 Role of EDC**

C. Aliman asked what is the role of the Commission now that there is no Economic Development Director. First Selectman Kurt Miller stated that the budget was took through as if there was a director. The Commission budget is basically to pay for the secretarial services. He stated that it made more sense to have the money structures that way. He stated that he has been handling some of the duties that were done by the EDC Director. Mr. Bowen asked if he could give reports to the Commission on what is going on. Mr. Miller stated that he could do that. C. Aliman asked if any members could attend a meeting with him and he stated that if it is appropriate they could as long as it was not the full board at one time.

Mr. Bowen stated that he was told that the Commission needs to go through the Board of Selectmen for approval to hire another director. Mr. Miller stated that once a budget is passed and if it is not funded then that is a different process. He also stated that any recommendation would go to the Board of Selectmen and they would make the decision. Mr. VanEgghen asked if the budget included the funds for the salary. Mr. Miller stated that it does and also some funds for programs. The Downtown Committee funds were rolled into the EDC budget. Mr. MillerP. Lombardi moved to place as a matter of record with the Town Clerk the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Thomas and carried unanimously.

**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 present at the meeting.

**ITEM #6 Unfinished Business**

already. He also stated that he was not sure if there is a need for a full time Economic Development Director. C. Thomas asked what the qualifications would be and Mr. Miller stated that would be up to the Commission on what direction they would want to go in.

P. Lombardi stated that it seemed like a lot of emphasis was on non-economic development matters and that is not what the Commission is looking for. He stated that there are a lot of empty buildings in town and what is being done to market those properties and get them filled. He felt that the Director's duties should be more emphasis on bringing businesses into town.

Mr. Miller stated that when the position was set up everyone said that a director was not needed. He stated that there should be a recommendation of what we are looking for and why. C. Aliman stated that the perception is that other towns are moving forward and Seymour is not. She also stated that there is a lot of blight in town. Mr. Miller stated that there is a blight officer and if something is reported to him then he goes out and investigates and tries to work with the property owner.

P. Lombardi stated that there are a lot of issues with the Route 34 corridor and Mr. Miller stated that the lack of sewers in that area are an issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Bowen, seconded by P. Lombardi and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio