

SEYMOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019

Members Present: C. Aliman, M. Marcinek, C. Bowen, C. Thomas,
C. Robinson (Alt.)

ITEM #1

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item #2

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: C. Bowen/M. Marcinek to add to the agenda to have
C. Robinson as a regular member.

Motion Carried: 5-0.

Review of prior meeting minutes.

It was noted that C. Robinson was listed as K. Robinson in the minutes
from the prior meeting.

MOTION: C. Bowen/M. Marcinek to approve the minutes with
the noted correction.

Motion Carried: 5-0.

ITEM #4 – First Selectman's Comments.

The First Selectman was not present at the meeting.

MOTION: M. Marcinek/C. Bowen to add to the agenda discussion
On Tri-town Plaza.

Motion Carried: 5-0.

Shirley Harpool was present regarding Tri-town Plaza. She stated that
5000 sf has been demolished at the shopping center. She presented a
marketing analysis of the center and also stated that there has been some

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interest in putting in a restaurant there. C. Bowen asked about permits for a *business to go there*. M. Marcinek stated that they would have *to go* through the zoning process before getting a permit. S. Harpool stated that the existing 5j000 s.f. building either needs to be remodeled or covered. M. Marcinek asked what type of tenants are showing an interest in the center. S. Harpool stated that the marketing analysis shows what uses could go there. She stated that the primary goal is to come up with an anchor store. M. Marcinek stated that the facades need an update. He also noted that the traffic count for this area is strong. He also stated that with the buildings coming down and the site cleaned up it is a step in the right direction. C. Bowen asked what the owner needs from the Town. S. Harpool stated that when they get a user some grant money would be helpful.

ITEM #5 – Public Comment

Ronald Sirowich, 12 Field St., Seymour stated that he is interested in seeing how things develop in Seymour.

Alan Ladd, 131 Main Street, Seymour was concerned about parking in the downtown area. He stated that tickets have been given out. C. Bowen stated that this has been discussed in the past. He noted that there is limited parking in the downtown area. C. Thomas asked if Main Street was wide enough to have angled parking. M. Marcinek noted that Main Street is a State road. C. Bowen stated that more parking needs to be added. He asked how much a parking study costs.

ITEM #6 – Technology Discussion – a. Independent Site or Merge with Seymour's Website.

C. Aliman stated that she received an e-mail that there is a separate EDC website but the information there is not accurate. C. Bowen felt that it should be merged with the Seymour website.

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M. Marcinek stated that it should be looked at to see what is on there now.
C. Robinson felt that it would be easier to have one Seymour site.

MOTION: C. Bowen/M. Marcinek to put the responsibility of the
EDC website back to the Town of Seymour for
Maintenance and update.
Motion Carried: 5-0.

ITEM #7 – New Business – a. Officer Discussion

C. Aliman stated that she needs a letter of resignation from R. VanEgghen.

ITEM #8 – Additional CERC Comments/questions.

M. Marcinek stated that the Commission should see a copy of the contract with CERC. C. Aliman stated that it was mailed out. C. Bowen stated that the budget for this was \$35,000.00 C. Aliman stated that the Board of Selectman voted for eight hours per week from 7/1/19 to 6/30/20. C. Bowen stated that he did not want to be held to a year term and they should be working for the EDC.

ITEM #9 – Proposed Zoning Changes.

M. Marcinek stated that he was not able to follow up on the industrial park.

Ashley Sirowich presented the results of a survey that was done. She also stated that a letter from the First Selectman is on Town letterhead was sent to all businesses in town.

ITEM #11 – Adjournment.

MOTION: C. Bowen/C. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
Motion Carried: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Sec.

