

Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 308
Somers, Connecticut 06071

EDC Minutes
January 9, 2006
Selectmen's Conference Room
Town Hall

Call to Order

Chairman Louis Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Attendance

Members present were Louis Bachetti, Maura Gardiner, Robert Schmidt, and Richard Cheney. Absent was David Reed and Ron Elliott.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Maura Gardiner and seconded by Richard Cheney that the minutes of the December 5, 2005 meeting be approved without change. The motion passed. Voting in favor of the motion were Lou Bachetti, Robert Schmidt, Richard Cheney, and Maura Gardiner.

Correspondence

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None

Reports

Results of the Business Questionnaire – Richard Cheney

Forty-two responses have been received to date. After discussion of the responses it was decided to pursue the feasibility of a business after hours function in the spring. Maura Gardiner will contact Director Larry Tracy of the North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. She will ask him to come to the next EDC meeting.

EDC members were assigned responsibility for the commission's 2006 goals:

Implementation of remaining EDC recommendations from the Plan of Conversation and Development – Maura Gardiner & Robert Schmidt

Supporting local business and industry – Rick Cheney, Ron Elliott, & Robert Schmidt

Promoting Somers Tourism – David Reed

Support new business development activities – Lou Bachetti & David Reed

Expand interaction with other town boards and commissions – all commission members

Continue to construct a Town of Somers economic development plan – Maura Gardiner

Chairman's Report – Lou Bachetti

The Somers Design Review Committee for private businesses will issue a final report in February 2006.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Maura Gardiner, seconded by Richard Cheney and was unanimously approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert W. Schmidt, Acting Secretary of the EDC

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.