

Town of Somers  
**Economic Development Commission**  
P.O. Box 308  
Somers, Connecticut 06071  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2008

**Call to Order**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Attendance**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Maura Gardiner and seconded by Robert Schmidt that the minutes of the October meeting be approved without change. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence**

None

**Somersville Mill**

David Reed stated that no further clarification of the status of the mill was available. There was also some discussion as to how the proper assessment of this property should be viewed.

**Somersville Streetscape**

David Reed gave a thorough recap as to the status of the project and the ensuing next steps.

**After Hours Networking meeting**

The Business After Hours meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 P.M. and will be held at 67 South Road. The sponsor for this event is ☐Heads Up and Bodyworks☐.

**2009 Business Directory**

The budget for the directory project has been set at \$7,500. It was noted that even with the revised price changes for advertising, if we were to replicate the last issue, as concerns ad placements, the funds received would be less than funds expended. Should that be the case the commission would underwrite the shortfall. Anticipated mailing is scheduled for January 2009.

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**Mini Business Expo**

The Somers Business and Merchant Expo was held on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Grammar School. There were approximately 20 vendors represented and the community turnout, although positive, was less than anticipated.

**Way-Finders Signs**

Bob Schmidt will schedule a meeting with the town planner to review scope of projects and gain insight as to what will be acceptable.

**Discussion/Meeting EDC, BOS, Landuse Commissions**

The results of the joint meeting were reviewed and discussed. As some of the pending EDC involvement changes have yet to materialize, the EDC will initiate discussion or another meeting with the joint boards to review initiatives.

**Chairman's Update**

The 2009 meeting schedule was distributed. A list of new businesses in town, business relocations within town and available storefronts was distributed and reviewed.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by David Reed, seconded by Robert Schmidt and was approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:17 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald L. Elliott, Secretary for the EDC

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