

Town of Somers

EDC Special Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2008

Selectmen's Conference Room

Town Hall

Call to Order

The Chairman, Lou Bachetti called the special meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes will be presented and acted upon at the January meeting.

After Hours Networking meeting

The Business After Hours meeting was held on Monday, November 17th at Heads Up Bodyworks Salon and Spa and hosted by owner Colleen Wurdig. Attendance was very positive as approximately 40 business representatives attended including some of the newer members in the business community. Comments were solicited and feedback was extremely favorable resulting in a decision to continue holding these after hour functions 2 or 3 times each year.

Way-Finders Signs

Bob Schmidt and David Reed met with the town planner to review the scope of the project and gain insight as to what would be acceptable. The meeting proved highly successful as the town planner provided insight on town vs. state road requirements, acceptable sign sponsors, placement, category types, fees, permits, rules and potential grant funds. The town planner will initiate the process to gain answers to the above questions and will routinely update Bob Schmidt as to the findings so the project can be implemented in 2009.

EDC Newsletter

Maura Gardner presented an impressive tri-fold flyer that captured the essence of "What's Happening" in the Somers business community. The draft presented will be "tweaked" slightly and will be distributed to the business community by year end.

2009 Commission Goals

A draft of the EDC's goals for 2009 was reviewed and discussed. Members are to review the proposed goals and be prepared at the next scheduled regular meeting to adopt the goals presented or recommend and support rationale for additional goals.

Adjournment

The chairman adjourned the meeting 8:15.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald L. Elliott, Secretary for the EDC

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.