

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

**EDC Minutes
January 4, 2010
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance

Members present were Robert Schmidt, David Reed, Ron Elliott, Maura Gardner and Lou Bachetti.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Schmidt and seconded by Lou Bachetti that the minutes of 12/7/09 be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Correspondence

The chairman reviewed an article published by the Hartford Courant on Tuesday December 29 entitled "How to Act Regionally".

Somersville Streetscape

David Reed reported that the Somersville Streetscape project received approval from the DOT and that contract for work is going to Bid with anticipated work to begin in March.

Way Finder Signs

Bob Schmidt presented a proposal for the location of the signs and will be meeting with a sign company to place an order.

Unemployment Trends

David Reed presented to the members a PowerPoint presentation packet which included a comprehensive view of unemployment statistics for Somers, the state and various towns. The packet also included the economic indicator scorecard for the state and facts shown support that the economy has not yet stabilized and unemployment has not yet recovered.

2010 Goals

The chairman presented the list of goals established for 2010 and assigned a member of the commission to each for implementation and reporting purposes. A motion was made by David Reed and seconded by Maura Gardner to accept the goals as presented.

Improvement Projects

David Reed presented to the group a list of items that would improve the quality of life in Somers if funds were available to fulfill them. David then asked the members to review the list and add to it other items that they felt the town needed or wanted. The primary purpose for this “To Do” or “Wish List” is to have projects on the ready, an extremely proactive approach, to take advantage of State grants that come available at various times of the year. Commission members are asked to forward to David their ideas and David will incorporate them on the list.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion by David Reed and seconded by Maura Gardner to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald L Elliott, secretary

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.