

Town Of Somers
Economic Development Commission
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EDC Minutes

April 5, 2010

Somers Town Hall-Selectmen's Conference Room

Call to Order

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Attendance

Members present were Maura Gardiner, David Reed, Rick Cheney, Bob Schmidt, Lou Bachetti. Member absent Ron Elliott

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Maura Gardiner and seconded by Bob Schmidt to approve the minutes of 1/11/10 as mailed. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Review Somers Labor Statistics

_ David Reed reported the Somers unemployment rate has risen to 9.9% or 474 Somers residents unemployed. 4.6% of the Somers population is below the poverty level.

Project Updates

- a. There is little action or improvement at the Somersville Mill. Mill ownership has fallen behind on their taxes. The town administration is searching out a company who specializes in evaluating properties such as the mill.
- b. Somersville Streetscape Project has received funds from the state. Bids for project work have been announced and it is hoped that work on sidewalks, lighting, trees, benches, etc. will begin this summer.
- c. The timetable for the business directory is to recruit business sponsors in November and December and to publish the directory in January of 2011.
- d. The commission discussed its goal of setting up an email list to circulate the EDC newsletter. The commission authorized the chairman to recruit someone to compile the list of addresses we currently have and call businesses to secure missing emails. Motioned by Rick Cheney and seconded by Maura Gardiner. Passed unanimously.
- e. Bob Schmidt distributed mockups of the way-finder signs. After discussion Mr. Schmidt was directed to work with DG Graphics to determine the color and other details. David Reed will discuss with public works issues on sign poles and installation.

EDC Updates

Margaret's Country Store has moved from 106 Main Street to 62 South Road. The commission will set up a business visitation to STR Manufacturing and Grower's Direct.

Other Business

David Reed suggested that discussion on items a and b be delayed until a further date. By consensus the commission agreed.

Adjournment

Motion by David Reed and seconded by Rick Cheney to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by,

Lou Bachetti for Ron Elliott

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.