

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

**EDC Minutes
April 4, 2011
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Attendance

Members present were, Robert Schmidt, Ron Elliott, Rick Cheney, Lou Bachetti and David Reed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by David Reed and seconded by Robert Schmidt that the minutes of January 3, 2011 be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Correspondence

Lou Bachetti presented the letter of resignation from commission member Maura Gardiner wherein Maura stated the reason was her move to Texas and personally thanked all the commission members. Lou will forward the letter to the first Selectman and Town Clerk.

Review of Past Two Months Activity

David Reed reviewed February's activity which included the proposed budget requested by the BOS. A motion was presented to support the EDC Budget of \$3,295, presented to the Selectmen by Vice Chairman David Reed, by Bob Schmidt, seconded by Ron Elliott and was approved unanimously. David also reported that the After Hours Meeting hosted by Howland and Sargent's Insurance Agency was very successful as attested to by the 60 plus who attended. David Reed's review of March activity included a letter from the BOS requesting a representative from the EDC Commission to serve on a State Tourism Board. A motion was made by Ron Elliott and seconded by Rick Cheney to elect David Reed to serve as that member representing both the town and the state on the Tourism Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of EDC Goals

A review of the goals noted that the Somersville Mill has been put back on the active tax roll and as such the EDC goal of development involvement has been removed from our list of goals. It was agreed by the commission to become more active concerning our goal of pursuing the relocation of the Probate Court to Somers. Other goals remain on target.

2011 “After Hours” networking meeting

The commission has completed their goal of administering two After Hours Meeting for 2011 however with the overwhelming success these gatherings are achieving have agreed to over achieve on this goal and are looking to hold another event in the fall of 2011.

Business Report

Lou Bachetti updated the commission on the new businesses opening or to be opened in Somers which included Kathy’s Playhouse Restaurant, Computer Salvage, June Richards Hairdresser and a new package store which will be opening in Somersville.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bob Schmidt and seconded by Rick Cheney to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ronald L Elliott, secretary
Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.