

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

**EDC Minutes  
June 6, 2011  
Somers Town Hall  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.**

**Attendance**

**Members present were Rick Cheney, David Reed, Bob Schmidt, Lou Bachetti.  
Guest: selectman Bud Knorr.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Bob Schmidt and seconded by David Reed to accept the minutes of 4/4/2011 as mailed. Passed unanimously.**

**Correspondence**

**The EDC has been made aware of the absence of American flags in Somersville by concerned residents. After discussion it was the consensus of the commissioners to take the lead of raising private funds to assure that section of town will have flags flying. Selectman Bud Knorr voiced his support and assistance in this matter.**

### **Report/meeting with Judith Canales, USDA**

David Reed reported that himself, commissioner Lou Bachetti and first selectman Lisa Pelligrini attended a meeting with Judith Canales, Northeast Commissioner of the USDA. They received information on funding availability and USDA structure. The selectmen are pursuing areas of interest.

### **EDC Budget**

- a. The available balance in the 2011 budget is approximately \$2900
- b. The amount of the 2012 budget is unknown since the restoration of \$75,000 to the town budget

### **Probate Court Location**

Rick Cheney reported that he had been working on a statistical analysis of the population served by the probate court. He indicated that preliminary investigation showed that from a statistical, economic, access, that the proper placement of the probate court would be in Somers. The permanent location of the court in Somers would also serve as a driver for economic development. The commissioners expressed their whole-hearted endorsement and support for making a case for locating the probate court in Somers, Connecticut. David Reed will contact consultants Nicole Kliene and Mark Waterhouse to ascertain their interest and availability is assisting the EDC in completing the study. There is currently a selectmen's freeze on budgetary accounts and he will also check with the first selectman as per her support of using part of the EDC budget to engage professional assistance.

### **Work Session on the Guidelines for Email Directory Usage**

David Reed and Lou Bachetti compiled suggestions made by various commissioners into guidelines into email directory usage. There was considerable discussion at which point a motion was made by Rick Cheney and seconded by Bob Schmidt that the email directory usage guidelines be accepted by the commission as presented. Passed unanimously.

### **Business Report**

The business activity report from 1/1-5/1/11 shows that 6 business enterprises have opened and 2 businesses have closed. Additionally 2 perspective businesses are looking for space in town and a new Goodwill Industries donation center opened at 598 Main Street on June 1.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Lou Bachetti expressed appreciation on behalf of the commission to selectman Bud Knorr for his interest, attendance and participation in the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Reed and seconded by Rick Cheney. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lou Bachetti for secretary Ron Elliott

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