

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

**EDC Minutes  
November 14, 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: Tim Potrikus

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by David Reed and seconded by Bob Schmidt to accept the minutes of 6/6/11 with no changes.

**Correspondence**

None

**"After Hours" Meeting**

The commission discussed various options relating to the next "After Hours" gathering. By consensus the commission agreed upon a February 2012 date and commissioner Rick Cheney agreed to organize the event.

**Marketing Workshop**

One of the commissions 2011-2012 goals was to establish a workshop for town businesses with the purpose of increasing their sales. Vice chairman David Reed will create an online questionnaire with questions pertaining to topics for the workshop and questions pertaining to current and future job openings and unique qualifications for such businesses. Commission representatives will meet with the merchants association to solicit their input.

**Probate Court**

The commission unanimously confirmed their position that the probate court should be located in Somers in the Kibbe Fuller building. The executives from the four probate court towns are scheduled to meet in June 2012 or before to vote on the court location. A sub-committee consisting of Lou Bachetti, David Reed, Rick Cheney will meet with first selectman,

**Lisa Pellegrini to discuss and develop a plan for locating the court in Somers.**

**Discussion/survey town businesses to determine critical employment skills**

**The commission agreed to include questions on critical employment skills in its upcoming survey.**

**Business Report**

**The business report was distributed which included new businesses, business closings, business relocations and available business locations. It was suggested that the “Calico Cat” and the Goodwill Industries Donation Center be added to the list.**

**Other Business**

**Chairman Lou Bachetti expressed the appreciation of the commission to guest Tim Potrikus for his interest in the work of the commission.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Schmidt and seconded by David Reed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m..**

**Respectfully submitted by Lou Bachetti for secretary Ron Elliott.**

**Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.**