

**Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 308
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**EDC Minutes
December 5, 2011
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order:

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m..

Attendance:

Members present were Rick Cheney, David Reed, Bob Schmidt, Lou Bachetti.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by David Reed and seconded by Bob Schmidt to accept the minutes of 11/14/11 as mailed. Passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Tim Potrikus expressing his interest in joining the EDC . He has also notified the first selectman of his interest. Motioned by Rick Cheney and seconded by David Reed that chairman Lou Bachetti contact first selectman Lisa Pellegrini to express the commissions unanimous interest in having Mr. Potrikus join the commission. Passed unanimously.

The chairman received a letter from the town clerk requesting the EDC 2012 meeting schedule.

“After Hours” meeting:

It is tentatively scheduled to hold the next “After Hours” meeting in February 2012. Commissioner Rick Cheney will contact Dave Marti owner of DG Graphics to discuss his interest in hosting the February “After Hours” event at his new location. He also requested that the next EDC email blast solicit businesses that are interested in hosting future “After Hours” events.

Discussion of Business Survey:

Commissioner David Reed distributed a sample survey. After extensive discussion the commissioners agreed on the survey questions and format. The tentative schedule is to mail the survey in early January 2012 with a request for response within two(2) weeks of the mailing. The commission expressed its appreciation to commissioner Reed for his good work on this survey.

Probate Court Location:

Commission chairman Lou Bachetti reported that commissioners Rick Cheney, David Reed and Lou Bachetti met with first selectman Lisa Pellegrini to discuss the issue of locating the probate court in Somers. Selectman Pellegrini contacted Judge Keeney as a courtesy to inform him of our intentions. She also requested from him a statistical report on the courts activities. She will soon be meeting with the new first selectman of Stafford to determine his position on the courts location. It was also announced that the funding for Enfield’s proposed court site has been denied.

Aligning goals and objectives with budget period:

For the past several years the EDCs goals have been set on a calendar year basis. Currently the town’s budgetary process would make it necessary to develop the EDC goals on a fiscal year basis. Motioned by Bob Schmidt and seconded by David Reed that the 2011 EDC goals be extended through June 30, 2012 and that all future annual EDC goals cover the time period July 1 through June 30. Passed unanimously.

Business Report:

The business report was distributed and discussed. Commissioner Rick Cheney will check the Macdac property on Quality Avenue to determine if they have space available. Commissioner Rick Cheney commented that all space available is desirable and can help in attracting new business to town.

Other Business:

The chairman distributed a proposed 2012 meeting schedule. It was suggested that the EDC meeting for November be held on November 5. Motioned by Rick Cheney and seconded by Bob Schmidt that the 2012 meeting schedule which includes November date change be accepted. Passed unanimously. The chairman will forward the schedule to the town clerk.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by David Reed and seconded by Rick Cheney. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Lou Bachetti for secretary Ron Elliott.

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.