

**Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 308
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**EDC Minutes
September 10, 2012
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to order

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m..

Attendance

Members present were, David Reed, Rick Cheney, Bob Schmidt, Vicki Clark, Lou Bachetti.
Members absent were Tim Potrikus, Ron Elliott.

Welcome newly appointed member

Chairman and commission members warmly welcomed new commissioner Vicki Clark to the commission.

Correspondence

The chairman received a request from the Ellington/Somers Patch to provide them with a name of an individual who is engaged in a new career as the result of the economic downturn. Any suggestions should be emailed to the chairman.

Autumn "after hours"

Rick Cheney indicated that the commission has traditionally held a fall and spring "after hours" meeting. Commissioners had suggestions and Rick Cheney will follow up and report at the next meeting.

Unemployment report

David Reed distributed the unemployment report. There are 433 Somers residents that are unemployed as of August and the unemployment rate is 8.6%

EDC 2012-2013 goals

Preliminary discussion on EDC goals for 2012-2013(list attached). Goals will be reviewed, modified and adopted at the next meeting.

Publication of the 2013 business directory

Chairman Lou Bachetti reported that activity to publish the 2013 business directory are under way. He will reach out to Jeanne Reed to determine her interest and continuing as coordinator. The goal is to have the directory published and distributed in December 2012.

Discussion/10 year Plan of conservation and development

Commissioners Rick Cheney and David Reed are members of the steering committee for the POCD. They solicited commissioners advice and suggestions on the new plan.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Schmidt and seconded by Rick Cheney. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by temp secretary Lou Bachetti.

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.