

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

EDC Minutes
December 3, 2012
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room

Call to order

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

Minutes approval November 12

Motioned by David Reed and seconded by Rick Cheney that the minutes be approved as presented. Passed unanimously.

Attendance

Members present were, David Reed, Rick Cheney, Vicki Clark, Bob Schmidt and Lou Bachetti. Late arrival was Tim Potrikus and Rick Cheney.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review during this meeting.

SomersNow.com

A lengthily discussion on supporting the continued existence of the SomersNow.com web site occurred. Later upon the arrival of Tim Potrikus a presentation of how a new web platform could continue to host the SomersNow.com web site. Commissioner Portikus presented information and explained that his employer has agreed to allow the site to be hosted by their server utilizing a very user friendly program that has been created. Each organization on the SomersNow.com web site would have the ability to post their own information and interact with their group members and followers. Additionally this platform may have the ability for the EDC to provide a link to local businesses on line and may be able to offer this to the new directory businesses. A motion was presented by Lou Bachetti and seconded by David Reed to support to the SomersNow.com web site. The motion was passed unanimously. More information will follow with regard to the next steps.

Unemployment Report

David Reed presented an unemployment report. A copy is attached hereto.

Status of 2013 business directory

Jeanne Reed has begun working on the directory as established in previous meeting this year.

Discussion/10-year plan of conservation and development

Commissioners Cheney and Reed are members of the POCD planning committee. The next meeting is scheduled for late November. The EDC will continue to support the planning committee and its involvement in completing the next POCD.

Business Seminar

The EDC hopes to present to the businesses in Somers a professional development seminar in the spring of 2013. David Reed will be investigating possible speakers/presenters for this forum.

Business Activity report

The chairman distributed the business activity report (attached). Vicki Clark added to the list Four Seasons Financial was scheduled to move into the building at 645 Main Street, as is M.T. Ford and associates. Vicki Clark also agreed to bring a list of available commercial spaces in Somers to present at the next meeting.

Commission meeting dates 2013

Distributed by Lou Bachetti and also attached hereto is a meeting schedule for 2013 meetings.

Update: Plan of Conservation and Development

Rick Cheney and David Reed will be making a presentation later this week on Thursday December 6, 2012.

Adjournment

Motion was made by David Reed and seconded by Vicki Clark to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Clark.

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Somers Labor Force Data





(through October 2012)

Somers Economic Development Commission Report
Report Date: December 3 2012

Data Source: Connecticut Department of Labor
Office of Research
Enfield LMA

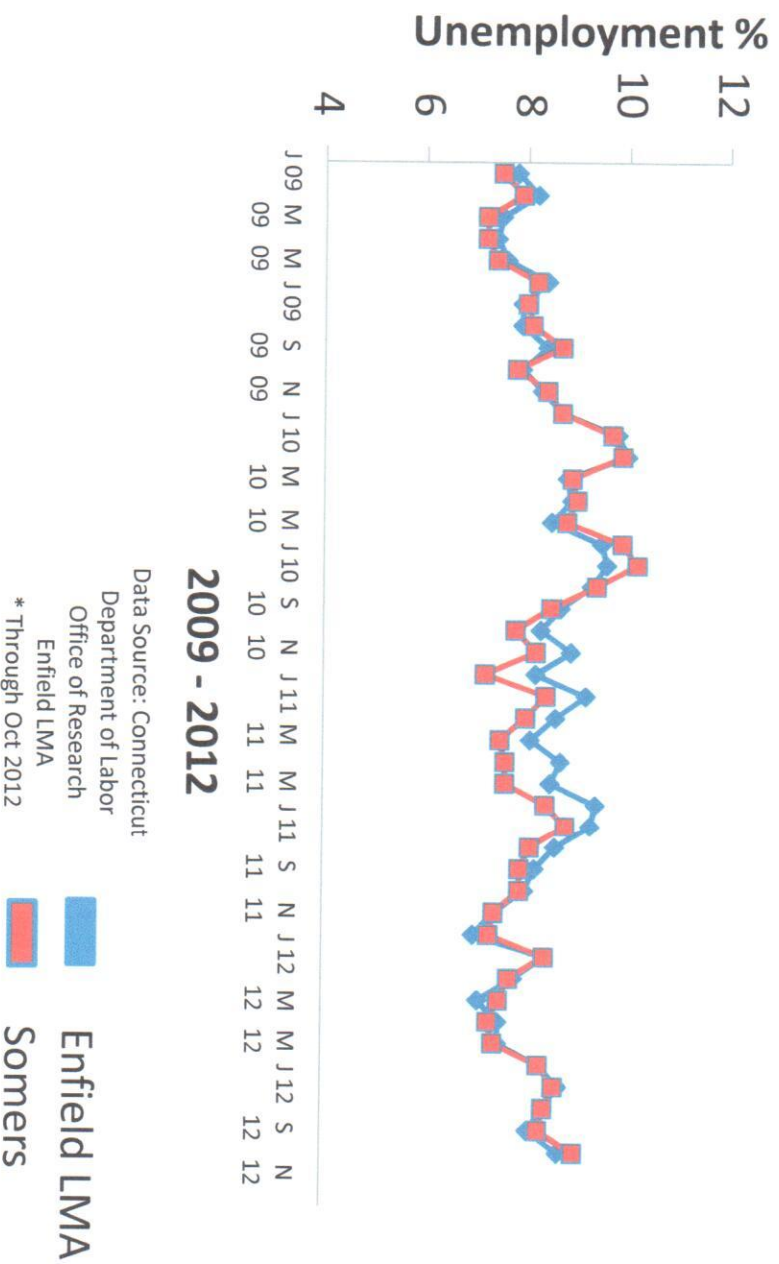
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For Somers, CT, as of End of Oct 2012

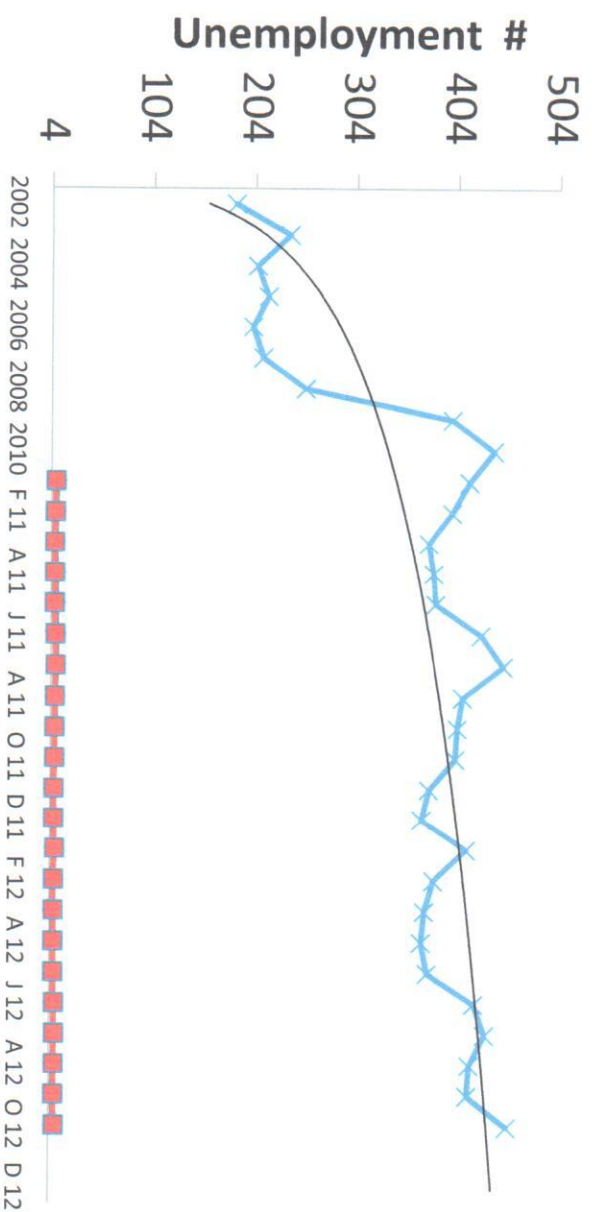
- 5056 in the Somers Work Force (up) 
- 4601 Gainfully Employed (down) 
- **455 Somers Residents are Unemployed** (up) 
- **9.0% Unemployment Rate** (up) 

Data Source: Connecticut
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* Through Oct 2012

Somers Unemployment Rate vs. CT & Enfield LMA



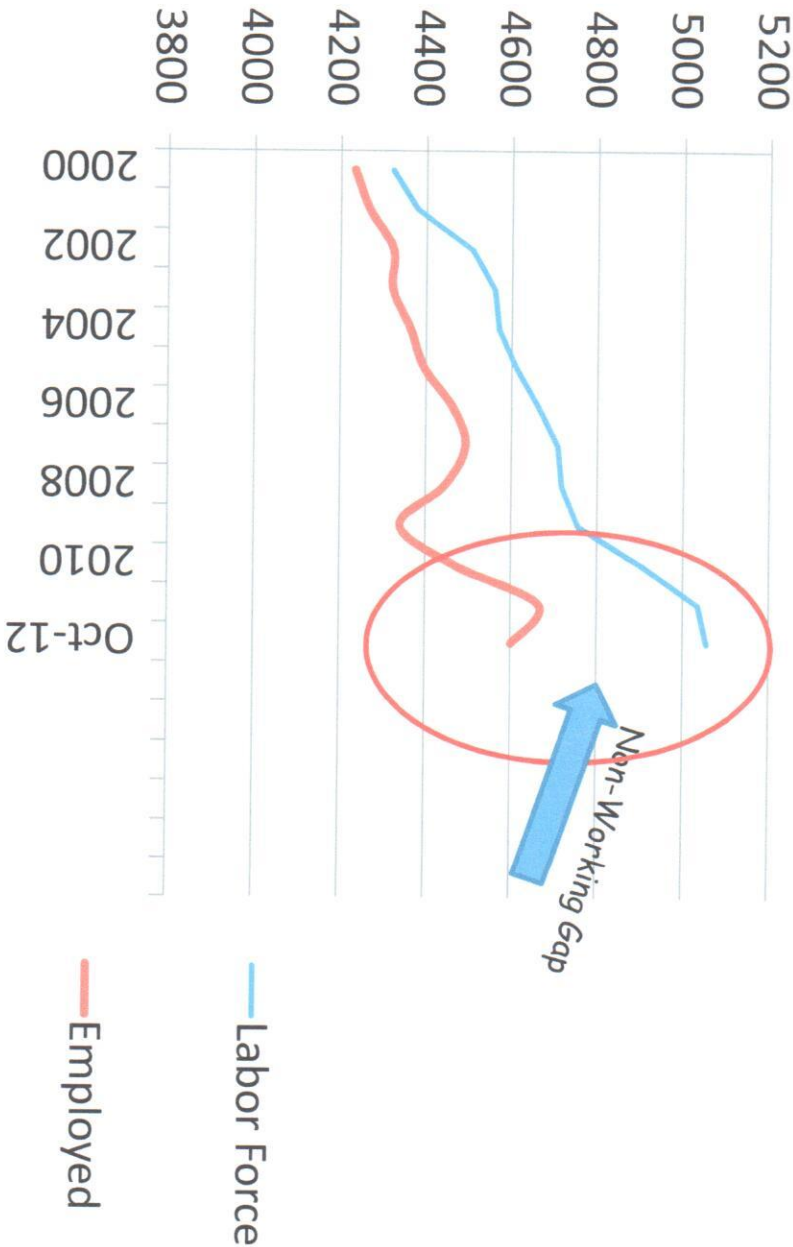
Somers Unemployed Residents



2002 - 2012

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Enfield LMA
* Through Oct 2012

Somers-Labor Force Compared with Somers-Employed



Data Source: Connecticut Department of Labor
Office of Research
Enfield LMA

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**SOMERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING SCHEDULE
2013**

All meetings 7:00 p.m. selectmen's conference room town hall

January	7
February	4
March	4
April	1
May	6
June	3
July	no meeting
August	no meeting
September	9
October	7
November	4
December	2