

Somers Economic Development Commission Minutes of November 10, 2014

1. Call to Order: Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. Members present: David Reed, Bob Schmidt, and Sarah Maskill.
2. As a quorum was not present, the minutes of October 6 were not approved.
3. Mr. Reed reviewed correspondence from:
 - a. NAI Plotkin regarding the sale of the Somersville School
 - b. Lisa Caswell of Acorn Productions of the Somers Shakespearean Renaissance Festival. Ms. Caswell is working to move some buildings from Camp AyaPo to an adjacent lot, for use in theatrical productions and as an event venue. Mr. Reed will invite Ms. Caswell to speak at the December EDC meeting.
 - c. The town attorney regarding closure of the FOI complaint. The findings indicate that improper procedures were used to enter into Executive session at one EDC meeting, and states that proper procedures must be used in the future.
4. Mr. Reed provided an update on the Somers Business Directory. Gross revenues are lower than in the past; a total advertising revenue estimate is \$10-12,000. The Directories are expected to mail near Valentine's Day. Mr. Reed proposed a reception for Somers business owners. Jeffrey Lipton has offered the use of his hall without charge.
5. Mr. Reed provided an update on the intersection in the center of town. To widen the road on the northbound side of Route 83 (and South of Main Street), there is a CL&P box that would need to be moved. Jeffrey Bord sent a letter to the Department of Transportation inquiring about a left-turning traffic light. The DOT responded that it will not consider changing one light as they plan light change projects in groups of ten light projects at a time.
6. Mr. Reed opened a discussion regarding the update of the EDC's Mission, Goals and Objectives of 2015-2016. Ms. Maskill will reorganize the document for further discussion at the December EDC meeting.
7. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Maskill

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