

**Town of Seymour  
Economic Development Commission**

**Minutes  
Tuesday April 6, 2010 @ 7:00pm  
Flaherty Room – Town Hall**

Members Present: Jon Szuch, Joe Cass, Ron Balabon, Marietta Sabetta, Rosalie Averill, Michal H. Horbal.

Others Present: Howard Enquist, Cars on Location.

ITEM #1 Call Meeting in Order.

Meeting called in order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jon Szuch.

ITEM #3 First Selectman Comment.

First Selectman Paul Roy not present at the moment.

ITEM #4 Public Comment.

Howard Enquist of Cars on Location is marketing his property on 768 Derby Avenue and would like some support from the Town. He feels the entire strip on Derby Avenue needs to be developed together. Commissioner Averill suggests he partners with the other business owners on Derby Ave and spear head a campaign that includes all of the properties on the strip. Chair Jon Szuch suggests Mr. Enquist get in touch with State Representative Theresa Conroy to possibly get help with cleanup funds and to work together with the other property owners to look for investors. Secretary will put him in touch with State Representative Theresa Conroy to explore the possibilities at the State level.

Al Yagovane updated the Commission on the Broad Street Park Project. The project is aggressively moving forward. The group has sent a letter to the State to grant permission to build on the State sidewalk. Mr. Yagovane will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting and attend the May 4th EDC meeting with more updates.

ITEM #5 Approval of March 2, 2010 Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes with the following corrections:

Change ITEM #11 to read as follows:

Strand: Chairman inquired about the fund raising efforts from the Culture and Arts Commission for the Strand in February. *Chairman was informed that the Culture & Arts successfully raised \$2,500 to support renovations at the Strand Theater.*

Carousel Gardens: provide update for April meeting.

Commissioner Rosalie Averill makes a motion to *request* Nancy Onofrio to attend, along



11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with the hopes to settle the case. Even if the case was settled in May it would still be 10-12 months before any work would start at the plaza, the Chairman informs.

**River Falls Project:** The Chairman gives an update on the River Falls project, former site to Housatonic Wire and Seymour Lumber. The meeting on March 22, 2010 held at Basement Systems was very successful. Terry & Shook showed renderings of the sites. The Town needs to decide what the next step is with this project. The architect firm Terry & Shook is inclined to have a charette, a tool meant to engage the general public in the planning and designing of the area.

ITEM #11 Old Business.  
No old business.

ITEM #12 New Business.  
Commissioner Averill suggests resuming sending 'welcome letters' to all new businesses in town. The Commission did send letters under the direction of the Economic Development Director and would like to continue doing so. Letters will be sent to all businesses that have moved to town within the past 12 months.

Discussion about having copies available of the EDC list of accomplishments since 2004 for the upcoming budget hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the town meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Copies will be made available for the public to pick up at those meetings by the secretary.

ITEM #13 Correspondence.  
No other correspondence.

ITEM #14 Adjournment.  
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

	Motion: Rosalie Averill	Second: Ted Holly
Vote: Yes-7	No-0	Abstain-0
		Absent-0

Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Onofrio  
Recording Secretary