

Somers Economic Development Commission And the Somers Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2016

1. Call to Order: First Selectman Pellegrini called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order 7:03. EDC Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Members present: David Reed, Sarah Maskill, Rick Cheney, Vicki Clark, Lisa Pellegrini, Budd Knorr, and Kathy Devlin. Also present were Greg Genlot (Planning Commission), and Jill Conklin (Zoning Commission).
2. A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 6, 2016 was made by Ms. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Cheney. The motion carried 4-0.
3. Mr. Reed reported that he sent correspondence to the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Commission to invite their chairmen and members to this meeting.
4. Old business:
 - a. Ms. Clark discussed promoting Somers businesses by posting on the EDC's Facebook page. The EDC's Somers Business Directory can provide a list of businesses to promote.
 - b. Ms. Conklin reported that the Zoning Commission continues to work on the Plan of Conservation and Development.
5. New Business:
 - a. Mill Update- Ms. Pellegrini reported a grant received and the town to close on the property and take ownership on October 27th. The timeline includes a bid for demolition to be released in November, with permitting to follow in winter/spring, and demolition to occur in the spring. An advisory committee has been formed.
 - b. New Enterprises- Mr. Reed enumerated several new businesses in Somers, and will work to have Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting events.
 - c. Demographics Review- not discussed.
 - d. Town Center Development Discussion- Mr. Reed opened a discussion regarding the Route 190/Route 83 area. Attendees raised the topics of a Design Review Commission, infrastructure improvements, housing diversity, utilities, a Planned Development District, and traffic concerns. Mr. Knorr left the meeting at 8:01. Ms. Maskill made a motion to support the Zoning Commission to initiate a review of the previous plans of the 190 corridor studies including Somers and Somersville, as well as a review of the current zoning regulations, and to work with a consultant to create a comprehensive plan for future development. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cheney. The motion carried 4-0. Ms. Devlin moved to approve the motion of the EDC regarding the review and comprehensive plan with the Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion carried 2-0.
6. Chairman Reed thanked attendees for their presence.
7. A motion to adjourn the EDC meeting was made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Cheney. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17. A motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting was made by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini, and carried 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Maskill

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