

Economic Development Commission  
P.O. Box 308  
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**EDC Minutes**  
**June 4, 2007**  
Selectmen's Conference Room  
Town Hall

**Call to Order**

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Attendance**

Members present were Louis Bachetti, Robert Schmidt, Ron Elliott, Maura Gardiner, David Reed and Richard Cheney. First selectman, David Pinney joined the group for the discussion concerning the Somersville mill.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Maura Gardiner and seconded by Richard Cheney that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved without change. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence

Chairman Bachetti reviewed a chart from the Connecticut Economic Digest which listed by town; the available labor force, number of jobs and unemployed. The numbers for Somers reflected a labor force of 4,716, the number of jobs at 4,524 and unemployment at 192 or 4.1%.

Project Progress Reports

Somersville Streetscape

David Reed, the Chairman for this committee, reviewed the presentation given at the open town meeting on May 31, 2007. The committee is scheduled to meet June 7, 2007 to discuss the feedback from the town meeting and finalize its recommendations to planning and zoning.

Somers Business Steering Committee

Ron Elliott updated the group concerning the activities of the Somers business steering committee. The committee is scheduled to meet June 19, 2007 and will begin to work on the next quarterly business meeting. Tentative plans call for an early fall meeting to be held outside with the theme being an ice cream social. The steering committee is also being asked to provide their input concerning way finder signs and business signage.

### Business Directory

Lou Bachetti provided the update concerning the status of the business directory which was distributed with the North Central News in May. There were 4500 copies printed and approximately 4350 were distributed. Ron Elliott will discuss with the Somers Business Steering Committee the future frequency of distribution.

### Way finder Signs

Bob Schmidt will meet with the Somers business steering committee to review the work that has been done to date and solicit their input.

### Status of the of Somersville Mill

Lou Bachetti reported that there have been 7 or 8 interested parties in developing the mill property. The commission has scheduled a tour of the facility for Monday June 11, 2007.

### Other Business

There will be no meeting of the EDC for July. Lou Bachetti also noted that there have been some complaints on the placement of business signs and requested that the commission gather their thought and be prepared to discuss the issue of signage at the next joint meeting of EDC, Planning and Zoning. Lou also informed the group that the commercial property on Route 83, which was recently cleaned up for contamination, is currently on the market.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Schmidt seconded by Maura Gardener and was unanimously approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 9:02 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald L. Elliott, Secretary of the EDC

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