

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

**EDC Minutes
September 8, 2009
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m..

2. Attendance

Members present were Robert Schmidt, Richard Cheney, David Reed, Lou Bachetti. Guests were First Selectman David Pinney, and Becky Nolan from MetroHartford Alliance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Cheney and seconded by Bob Schmidt that the minutes of 5/4/09 be accepted as presented. Passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Becky Nolan made a presentation and passed out information regarding membership in the MetroHartford Alliance. She explained the Alliance major initiatives and future plans. There was an extensive question and answer period. Chairman Bachetti thanked Ms. Nolan for her presentation. Motion by Rick Cheney and seconded by David Reed

that the EDC decline membership in the MetroHartford Alliance for this year and that such membership be reconsidered in 2010-2011. The commission authorized Chairman Bachetti to notify Ms. Nolan of the commissions decision. Passed unanimously.

6.a. David Reed reported that the Somersville Streetscape is closer to funding and implementation. Meetings have been held with state officials and a contract for funding and specifics are forthcoming. The commission congratulated David Reed and David Pinney for their diligence and good work on this project.

6.b. No report.

6.c. Bob Schmidt has been working with Rick Cheney to finalize the way-finder sign project. There will be approximately 12 signs and the public works department will assist in placing them. There will be quotes for the finalizing of the signs at the next meeting.

7.David Reed reported that the state unemployment rate dropped from 8.1% to 7.8%. The Somers unemployed dropped from 393 in June to 384 in July. The commission is interested in supporting unemployed individuals from Somers and will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

8.Rick Cheney is pursuing information for a Somers “after hours” meeting for Somers merchants for late October early November. He will have further information at the next meeting. Rick reported that Rockville Bank and some local merchants are recognizing the Town of Somers as being one of the best places in America to live. The commission would like a banner at town hall recognizing this achievement. Motioned by David Reed and seconded by Rick Cheney that the commission expend up to \$100 for a banner to be displayed in the front of town hall. Passed unanimously.

9. Activity Update

The commission reviewed the business report of new businesses, business relocations and available industrial and retail property.

10. Other Business

None

11. Adjournment

Motion by Bob Schmidt and seconded by David Reed to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lou Bachetti, Chairman for Ron Elliott, secretary

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