

**Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 308
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**EDC Minutes
December 7, 2009
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Members present were Robert Schmidt, Richard Cheney, Ron Elliott and Lou Bachetti. Guest; First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Cheney and seconded by Bob Schmidt that the minutes of 10/5/09 be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Correspondence

The chairman mentioned that the budget has been frozen for future spending considerations that the commission had intended but funds will be available for previous projects that had been approved.

Introduction of Guest

The chairman introduced our First Selectman and provided a historical prospective of the commission's evolutionary involvement with town issues and programs since 2001. The chairman commented on a number of the initiatives that the commission has undertaken to promote and enhance an informative and attractive business climate while working within the guidelines of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Following this update, the First Selectman provided her thoughts, feedback and ideas on the commission's accomplishments and encouraged the commission to continue its work on establishing a pro business environment.

Approval of 2010 Meeting Schedule

The chairman provided a list of meeting dates for 2010 and after review a motion was made by Ron Elliott, seconded by Bob Schmidt, to approve the submitted list of meeting dates. The chairman will forward the list of meeting dates to the Town Clerk.

Somersville Streetscape

In David Reed's absence, the chairman reported that the Somersville Streetscape Committee has been disbanded as their work reached a conclusion with the acceptance of their proposal and recommendations to the Selectman. There will now be a new committee established to oversee the implementation of the recommendations.

Way Finder Signs

Bob Schmidt and Rick Cheney will perform their site review concerning the placements of the way-finder signs during the week of December 26 – December 31. In addition they will have price quotes for the signs and finalization of this project is expected at the next meeting.

EDC 2010 Goals Discussion

The chairman provided a list of the commission's 2009 goals and a lengthy discussion was held as to the determination of the commission's 2010 goals. The chairman compiled a list of the potential new initiatives discussed and will put forth a summation for review and approval, including the representative responsible for its implementation, at the next scheduled meeting

Activity Update

The commission reviewed the business report of new businesses, business relocations and available industrial and retail property. The list included all activity for the past calendar year.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bob Schmidt and seconded by Ron Elliott to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald L Elliott, secretary

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