

Somers Economic Development Commission
Minutes of April 7, 2014

1. Call to Order: Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.
Members present: David Reed, Rick Cheney, Tim Potrikus, Bob Schmidt, and Sarah Maskill.

Mr. Reed requested and Mr. Potrikus made a motion to move item 6A New Business to the first item on the agenda. Motion seconded by Bob Schmidt.
Motion passed 5-0

The EDC heard a report from Mike Friedman regarding the New England Regional Chili Cook-Off on May 3 this year. The event will be held at Pleasant View. Next year's event will occur on May 2 and 3 2015. The EDC will do an email blast informing the business community of the event. The Chair invited Mike to the September 8 EDC meeting.

2. A motion was made to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes by Rick Cheney and seconded by Sarah Maskill. Motion passed 5-0

3. Mr. Reed reported that correspondence was received dated February 27, 2014 to the First Selectman regarding the EDC. The commission discussed the claims in the letter and found them to be without fundamental merit, and that the members of the EDC believe there has not been any conflict of interest on any issue that has come before the EDC in recent meetings. The executive session referred to in the correspondence was not related to the development project noted in the correspondence; it was related solely to a manufacturing entity as previously documented. The January minutes reflect the EDC's intent to publicly state more clearly in its minutes the instruction received from the Town Attorney.

4. Mr. Reed welcomed new and returning members Bob Schmidt and Sarah Maskill to the commission.

5. Old business:

5 (a) The SomersNow website technology is running, however it requires a web designer.

5 (b) No report on After Hours.

5 (c) POCD Update - no report

5 (d) Mr. Cheney reported that the recent Rotary publication in conjunction with the Downtown Merchants Retail Project was a success.

6. New Business:

6 (a) Chili Fest: see notes above.

6 (b) 2015 Directory: Mr. Reed has asked for quotes on producing a 2015 directory and a quote for distribution. Mr. Cheney and Mr. Schmidt will coordinate the pre-production process.

6 (c) Facebook Page was tabled until a future meeting.

6 (d) Mr. Reed offered a discussion on the role the EDC can play in reviewing options and presenting suggestions on improving the Somersville Mill property. A motion was made by Sarah Maskill to offer the services of the EDC to the Board of

Selectmen, seconded by Bob Schmidt. A discussion ensued. The chairman put the motion to a vote; motion carried 5-0.

6 (e) There were no other announcements

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Cheney, seconded by Sarah Maskill. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Potrikus

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