

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
ESSEX TOWN HALL  
July 12, 2015 - 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2015 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Chairman Lon Seidman, Robert Laundry, David Sousa, and Betsy D'Amico.

Also in attendance was Susan Malan, Economic Developer, Judy Heiser from the Essex Board of Trade, and two members of the Essex Boy Scouts observing the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seidman at 4:00pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Betsy D'Amico and seconded by Bob Laundry the Commission **VOTED** to approve the minutes from Marchy 2015 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting as amended.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPER REPORT**

Susan Malan updated the commission on the current issues and projects in town. She is meeting with the owners of the building occupied by Gather in Ivoryton to see what can be done to help find a new tenant.

Ms. Malan also reported that Cumberland Farms will be back before ZBA on September 8. The Witch Hazel factor hopes to have their curb cut done by the end of the year. She is also helping a few other local business owners and prospects with potential new locations.

A frequently asked questions document is being developed to help business owners and residents with land use applications.

Members also discussed the expansion of the Bradley Airport Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) that might benefit companies in Essex who wish to join it. Foreign Trade Zones allow businesses to import high duty goods and assemble them into lower duty finished products provided the work occurs inside the FTZ.

**IVORYTON PROJECT**

Work on the project is largely complete, although some of the street lights are a little too bright and are being disabled until they can be dimmed down.

**PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

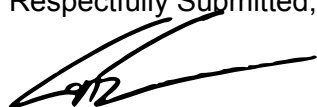
Bob Laundry reported that the Plan is going to public hearing and will be voted on next month.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

David Sousa reported that the Ivoryton Farmer's market has been successful this year and very busy.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lon Seidman', is written over the printed name.

Lon Seidman, Chairman