

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ESSEX TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 8, 2014 - 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Lon Seidman, Robert Laundry, David Winstead, David Sousa and Betsy D'Amico. Also in attendance Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission. Absent: John Beveridge and Ed Cook

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seidman at 4:06pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by David Winstead and seconded by David Sousa the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the September 2014 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors:

Judie Heiser, Essex Board of Trade was present. She noted that there are many new "No Parking" signs in Ivoryton village attached to the lampposts, making it difficult to attach seasonal decorations. She announced that the scarecrow contest winner will be announced at the Pumpkin Festival. The Board of Trade has made contact with Brewer's Marina to welcome them.

Commissioners:

No Comment

REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT

No report given. Ms. Malan previously distributed her report to the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

EDC Member Terms Expiring

Ed Cook, David Winstead, Jay Beveridge and Robert Laundry's terms are expiring. Mr. Seidman asked these members to consider staying on the Commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Route 9 Overpass/Gateway Improvement Discussion

Mr. Seidman discussed the article in the Shoreline Times regarding the Route 9 highway overpass at the gateway to town. It was suggested that a letter be written to our legislators requesting help to have the bridge be made more attractive. Ms. D'Amico will write this letter. She will include a picture of the areas around the bridge. The Commission discussed that the LC Doan property should be addressed. Mr. Seidman will discuss this with the First Selectman.

Members also discussed inviting food trucks to town.

Essex Island Marian Sale

The sale is complete. Mr. Seidman will ask a representative from the Marina to attend a future EDC meeting.

Zoning Signage Regulations

The letter our Commission wrote was received. The regulations are being reviewed.

Centerbrook Grant

No Update

STEAP & Ivoryton Grants

No Update

Farmer's Market Grant

Mr. Sousa gave a brief update. He will be writing a summary report for the state. This is the last weekend for the Farmer's market. Traffic was doubled this summer as compared to last. Mr. Sousa asked that the advertising for the Farmer's Market music guests be included in the Parks and Recreation summer concert series information which is sent to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk