

**Essex Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Essex Town Hall
February 9, 2011**

Present: Chairman Lee Thompson
Commissioners John Beveridge, Lon Seidman,
Mark Uihlein, Bob Laundry and David Winstead

Commissioner Bill Foster was excused from today's meeting
First Selectman Phil Miller did not attend

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Thompson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting. A motion was offered by Commissioner John Beveridge and others and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Introduction of New Member and New Secretary

Chairman Thompson introduced Bob Laundry as a new member of the commission and Sarah Judge as the new secretary. Bob Laundry is a representative of the Planning Committee. Commissioner Alan Kerr resigned due to schedule conflicts and was thanked for his service.

Old Business

Boat Launch Ramp/Novelty Lane Project

Chairman Thompson has asked for a \$25,000.00 holdback on payments to Old Colony. He has some concerns regarding the concrete. The project is currently \$55,000.00 over budget (bid) which will leave approximately \$34,000.00 for the Novelty Lane project. Commissioner Beveridge inquired whether Town Counsel has been kept up-to-date on the situation. Town Counsel is aware of the situation but has recused himself due to prior representation of Old Colony. Attorney John Bennett will take over for this situation and is familiar with the circumstances.

Tide Flex Valve-Pratt Street Flooding

Chairman Thompson reports that they are still working with the DEP regarding this. It appears that most of the flooding is the result of the storm sewer.

Transportation Study

There will be a public workshop for this study, Tuesday, February 15, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The commission discussed the various potential projects in regards to this. Chairman

Thompson recommends that the commissioners attend the public workshop for the Transportation Study if they are available.

Susan Malan was present. She expressed that she would like to see more commerce from within the Town, not just from outsiders. She also mentioned that the link on the Economic Development Commission website for community property was not working. Commissioner Seidman said he would look into that.

Adjournment

Commissioner John Beveridge made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Lon Seidman and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Judge