

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
ESSEX TOWN HALL  
September 10, 2014 - 4:00pm**

The Essex Economic Development Commission met on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 4:00pm. In attendance were John Beveridge, Betsy D'Amico, Bob Laundry, Lon Seidman, David Sousa, and David Winstead. Guests Present: Joseph Budrow, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Seidman at 4:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by John Beveridge and seconded by Bob Laundry the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the August 2014 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting

Discussion Items

Joseph Budrow presented new changes to the proposed signage regulations. Members discussed the draft regulations restrictions on certain types of lighting technology. Members suggested that a better approach would be to look at the color temperature and the actual color of the lighting as opposed to what kind of bulb powered it.

David Sousa asked about signs that are attached to vehicles used by contractors who may park their vehicles outside their home or businesses. Mr. Budrow responded that the language will be updated so that the regulations only impact signage that is specifically intended to be used as a sign.

Members also discussed internally lit signs and a desire to restrict their use in the villages in all but the Centerbrook commercial areas. Members also expressed a desire to have a time of day in which internally lit signs should be switched off.

Mr. Seidman offered to draft a letter to the Zoning Commission that reflects the Economic Development Commission's thoughts on the current proposal.

New Business

Members discussed the annual report and what should be included in it. Mr. Seidman said he would work with Susan Malan on its submission

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Seidman, Chairman