

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
ESSEX TOWN HALL  
August 13, 2014 - 4:00pm**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Lon Seidman, John Beveridge, Robert Laundry, David Winstead, David Sousa, Betsy D'Amico and Ed Cook. Also in attendance Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission, Norm Needleman, First Selectman and Susan Malan, Consultant. Absent:

**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 Jay Beveridge the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2014 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

**INTRODUCTION**

**Visitors:**

Judie Heiser, Essex Board of Trade.

**Commissioners:**

No Comment

**REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT**

Ms. Malan had previously distributed her report to the Commission. She discussed the status of various businesses in our three villages. Mr. Needleman noted that he is happy with the outcome of the Essex Island Marina purchase. Mr. Needleman discussed the road work being completed. There was some discussion of waste water management and how the Water Pollution Control Authority is in talks with Madison as that town is updating their Wastewater Management plan. Mr. Needleman discussed septic options and how it effects growth in our villages.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Zoning Signage Regulations**

The recommendations are being reviewed and edited. Zoning may have some changes to bring soon.

**Centerbrook Grant**

Ms. Malan noted that Centerbrook is forming a working group that will address village issues.

### **STEAP & Ivoryton Grants**

An engineering and design firm has been chosen to begin the Ivoryton grant work. The work at Town Hall is almost complete. Mr. Needleman is pleased with the work that has been completed. He thanked Mr. Audet for his hard work on the town park portion of the project.

Mr. Needleman discussed the bridges and the over growth of vegetation. He is addressing this with the DOT.

### **Farmer's Market Grant**

Mr. Sousa gave a brief update. The remainder of the grant funds will be spent on musicians. The market is doing well. He noted that he intends to submit an application for a \$5,000 grant for next year.

Mr. Beveridge noted that the Lions Lobster Bake is very successful. It benefits the village of Essex. Mr. Beveridge asked if there is another event that could be added to promote village businesses during the summer. Both the Shad Bake and the Lobster Bake has been very successful at the Connecticut River Museum.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk