

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
ESSEX TOWN HALL  
June 10, 2015 - 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Chairman Lon Seidman, Robert Laundry, David Sousa, Betsy D'Amico and Janet Peckinpugh. Also in attendance Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission and Norm Needleman, First Selectman. Absent: Ed Cook and David Winstead

**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 David Sousa the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from May 11, 2015 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

**INTRODUCTION**

**Visitors:**

**River COG**

Ms. Malan introduced Erin Bogan and Jeremy DeCarli from the River COG. They discussed the organization and some upcoming studies being planned for economic development. A consultant will work with each town's EDC to decide their needs.

Judie Heiser, Essex Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade is active and doing well. She noted that business owners in Ivoryton are concerned about the slow business they are experiencing due to the construction taking place in Ivoryton center.

**Commissioners:**

No Comment

**REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT**

The construction in Ivoryton was discussed. Mr. Sousa stated that it is crucial that this work be complete for the beginning of the Farmer's Market. Mr. Seidman will try to get an update from Mr. Needleman.

Ms. Malan is attending a joint meeting with EDC, Zoning, and Planning to discuss matters important to each group. WPCA toured a small waste water plant in East Haddam. Ms. Malan noted that Cumberland Farms is revising their plan. They would like to meet with EDC to present their plan at an upcoming meeting. Members also discussed the upcoming signage workshop. Ms. Malan working with a few prospective businesses that are looking at opening in town. Members also discussed the recent boat show and shad bake that took place downtown.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SB 1065/POCD Impact**

No Additional Report.

**Witch Hazel Driveway**

This has received approval from Zoning.

**Route 9 Overpass/Gateway Improvement Discussion**

The town is working to get a permit from the State to plant and maintenance for this area. Evergreens were provided by the Fire Department and the Essex Foundation.

**Ivoryton Grant Construction Progress**

Discussed previously.

**Zoning Signage Regulations**

Discussed previously.

**Centerbrook STEAP Grant**

We are still waiting to hear if our application was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk