

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ESSEX TOWN HALL
May 14, 2014 - 4:00pm**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Lon Seidman, John Beveridge, Robert Laundry, 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: 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 Jay Beveridge and seconded by Robert Laundry the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the April 2014 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

To accommodate the attendees, Mr. Seidman asked that the referrals from zoning discussion be moved up in the agenda.

Referrals from Zoning

Mr. Budrow noted that these changes will be in before the Zoning Commission for the next several months. The EDC had a lengthy discussion regarding lighting of signage and technology. Mr. Needleman noted that this will go to Public Hearing so that the people in town can also offer their thoughts what sort of signs our villages should have.

Mr. Seidman took notes on the discussion and will share them with members ahead of the June EDC meeting where the members will vote on a set of recommendations to forward to Zoning. Mr. Sousa asked if Mr. Budrow could attend an Ivoryton Alliance meeting next month. Mr. Beveridge complimented Mr. Budrow on his thorough work in this area.

Visitors:

Judie Heiser

Commissioners:

None

REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT

Ms. Malan had previously distributed her report. No additional discussion was necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Centerbrook Grant – Upcoming Public Discussion

The next meeting will be a site walk on June 3rd. The discussions have been going well.

Farmer's Market Grant

Mr. Sousa gave a brief update on the status of the Farmer's Market Grant. The market opens next month.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk