

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
ESSEX TOWN HALL
JANUARY 13, 2016 - 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Lon Seidman, David Sousa, Betsy D'Amico and Janet Peckinpaugh. Also in attendance were Norm Needleman, First Selectman, Susan Malan, Consultant and Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission. Absent: Ed Cook and David Winstead

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seidman at 4:06pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Betsy D'Amico and seconded by Janet Peckinpaugh the Commission **VOTED** to approve the minutes from December 2015 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors:

Judy Heiser Essex Board of Trade.

Things went well through the holiday season for our merchants. Essex Ed will arrive on January 30th at 2:00pm.

Commissioner

David Sousa noted that the Ivoryton Alliance met recently. Everyone was pleased with the Ivoryton Illuminations this year. He noted that speeding through Ivoryton has been much worse since the streetscape renovations. Solutions for this is being discussed.

REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT /ZONING MATTERS

Ms. Malan discussed her report which she previously distributed to commission members. The bakery in Spencer's Corners is moving forward. This should be open in May. Gabrielle's is under a LOI with a new restaurant coming soon.. Ms. Malan discussed new business prospects.

Ms. Malan asked members to attend the next Zoning meeting on January 20th. Cumberland Farms and the Essex Station will be on the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

POCD Discussion/Suggested Action Plan Changes

Suggested changes need to be submitted soon. Mr. Seidman will put this into a Goggle document so that Commission members can revise the document. Ms. Malan will work with Mr. Seidman to make needed revisions.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-2017 Budget

Upon a motion made by David Sousa and seconded by Janet Peckinpaugh the Essex Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the proposed budget of \$14,100 for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk