

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ESSEX TOWN HALL
September 9, 2015 - 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Chairman Lon Seidman, Robert Laundy, Ed Cook and Janet Peckinpaugh. Also in attendance Norm Needleman, First Selectman and Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission. Absent: David Winstead, David Sousa, Betsy D'Amico

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seidman at 4:05pm.

Mr. Seidman distribute the Town's Ethics Policy for member's review and signature.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Janet Peckinpaugh and seconded by Ed Cook the Commission unanimously to approve the minutes from August 12, 2015 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors:

Judy Heiser, Essex Board of Trade

Ms. Heiser noted that all scarecrows need to be completed by October 7th. They will be hung on the 8th. Upcoming events include the Historical Society walk and the vintage baseball game.

Commissioner

No Comment

REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT

Ms. Malan was not present but the Commission discussed the report she distributed previously. Mr. Needleman noted that the Ivortyon ribbon cutting will be Thursday, September 17th at 5:00pm. Mr. Seidman will send the invitation for the ceremony to the Commission. Mr. Needleman discussed various prospective business opportunities which may open in our town. He noted that the Blue Hound is in the process of renovating their second floor and hope to open soon. He also discussed that additional affordable housing is moving forward in Essex using approved grant monies.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Needleman advised everyone to lock their cars and homes due to the recent theft in our towns.

Ivoryton Grant / Construction Progress

The Ivoryton work is almost complete. Plantings will be completed soon. Additional parking is now available and many of the septic issues have been resolved. The work done in Ivoryton has been highlighted on the STEAP website.

Zoning Signage Regulations

This is still being discussed.

Centerbrook STEAP Grant

The town is still waiting to hear if the application has been granted.

Plan of Conservation and Development

This is being reviewed. It will be voted on during the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Economic Development Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk