

**Town of Seymour
Economic Development Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall**

Members present: Christine Aliman, Pat Lombardi, Chris Bowen, Claudia Thomas, Robert VanEgghen.

ITEM #1 Call Meeting to Order.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting Chairwoman Christine Aliman.

ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Christine Aliman.

ITEM #3 Approval of Minutes of prior meeting December 5, 2017

P. Lombardi moved to place as a matter of record with the Town Clerk the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Thomas and carried unanimously.

ITEM #4 First Selectman's Comments

The First Selectman was not present at the meeting.

ITEM #5 Public Comments

There was no one from the public present at the meeting.

ITEM #6 Unfinished Business

The members did not discuss any unfinished business.

ITEM #7 New Business

a. Nomination and Election of Officers.

Mr. Bowen moved to nominate C. Aliman for Chairwoman. The motion was seconded by Mr. VanEgghen and carried unanimously. C. Aliman moved to nominate C. Bowen for Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Van Egghen and carried unanimously.

ITEM #8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

C. Aliman asked what happens with the remaining EDC budget and if goes into the general fund or stays with EDC. C. Thomas suggested calling the Finance Director to get on the agenda for their next meeting. Mr. Lombardi stated that the Board of Finance is now doing department deliberations and they should be able to get that information to C. Aliman.

Mr. VanEgghen and Mr. Bowen asked about the functions of the Commission. C. Aliman stated that the Town has an economic development website and when Fred Messoro was the Economic Development Director he would provide monthly reports to the Commission on what was going on in town. C. Aliman stated that there are a lot of vacant buildings in town and it would be a good idea to have a list of those. Mr. Lombardi stated and if anyone had something that they would like to discuss at a meeting they should e-mail the Chairwoman so that it can be put on the agenda. Mr. Bowen asked if the Commission had specific bylaws and Mr. Lombardi stated that there are not. He stated that the scope and responsibilities of the Commission are covered in the Charter. It was also suggested that a special meeting could be scheduled with the First Selectman to discuss the vacant Economic Development Director position.

Mr. VanEgghen asked if there is a mission statement and what is the purpose of the Commission. Mr. Lombardi stated that is something to speak with the First Selectman about. He also stated that the Commission does not fill vacant building and the focus should be on development of the downtown area, Route 34 corridor and Tri-Town Plaza.

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Bowen, seconded by P. Lombardi and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio