

SEYMOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1st, 2019

Members Present: C. Bowen, M. Marcinek, C. Robinson, B. Sirowich
Members Absent: C. Aliman, C. Thomas
Also Present: Sadie Colcord, Connecticut Economic Resource Center

ITEM #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1903.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Seating of Alternates

MOTION: C. Thomas/M. Marcinek to have Brian Sirowich seated as a full member.

Motion carried 3-0. Brian Sirowich is a full voting member for the remainder of this meeting.

ITEM #4: Public Comment

No one from the public wished to speak

ITEM #5: Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

A review of the August meeting minutes indicated that there were no errors, but they were a little too verbose.

MOTION: M. Marcinek/B. Sirowich to approve prior minutes.
4-0, Motion carries.

ITEM #6: CERC Update

Mrs. Colcord informed the Commission of her continued efforts to interact with business stakeholders particularly downtown. Among the feedback she received was that the area is in need of more parking spaces. In a discussion of what to do regarding the parking issue, three ideas came up. One was to increase signage to make the available public parking more noticeable. Second was an updated parking study, and third was the potential for adding parking meters to increase churn.

A discussion regarding the Silvermine Industrial Park indicated that a tax abatement was agreed upon for Thule, and that there were concerns regarding blight at the bottom of the hill.

Commission members requested more frequent, and more detailed, updates from CERC regarding Mrs. Colcord's time allotment. Mrs. Colcord agreed to give bi-weekly updates.

ITEM #7: Election of New Officer

Mr. Bowen indicated that his pending election to the Board of Selectmen would cause him to have to resign from the Economic Development Commission due to the overlapping meetings. He resigned his position as Vice-Chair effective immediately to bring about a seamless turnover for whoever takes his place.

MOTION: C. Bowen nominated Caron Robinson to be Vice-Chair (no other nominations). M. Marcinek seconded, C. Robinson accepted nomination.
4-0, C. Robinson is new Vice-Chair

ITEM #8: Social Media Outreach Update

MOTION: C. Bowen/M. Marcinek to make C. Robinson new Chairwoman of Social Media Subcommittee
4-0, Motion carries

C. Bowen noted that no applications have come in from perspective candidates or the guidance counselor at Seymour High School or Emmett O'Brien Technical High School. C. Robinson indicated a preference to expand the search for an intern through the new HR director with the Town.

C. Bowen indicated that someone would have to take over the social media administration in places where he was named administrator. This isn't a problem with most of the social media accounts as the prior intern, Ashley Sirowich, left passwords for all accounts, but it was problematic for Facebook. C. Robinson noted she has no Facebook account, so someone else will have to be the "root" administrator for the Facebook account.

ITEM #9: Parking Study for Downtown

During the CERC update, C. Bowen requested that Mrs. Colcord begin the process to get a parking study for downtown to determine needs, and that it must include First Saturday to properly gauge volume. Mrs. Colcord agreed to this request.

ITEM #10: Adjournment

MOTION: C. Robinson/M. Marcinek to adjourn at 2025.
4-0, Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher E. Bowen
Vice-Chair, Economic Development Commission