

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Feb. 20, 2014 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr, Roger Tracy, Susan Thorner, Lynda Montefusco

Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Acting Chairman Roger called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minutes – The minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting were approved by voted motion.

Citizen Comment – None

Ffyer Place – Mr. McMahon reported that the Design Review Board had met and had approved the site plan for the proposed CVS store. The Design Review Board asked for some minor architectural changes; to make the building more “colonial”. The changes were will be presented to the DSR.

Howard Orr arrived at this time and thanked Mr. Tracy for opening the meeting in his absence and assumed the chairmanship.

ACCE Funding -Mr. McMahon stated he has requested \$40,000 for Ffyer Road improvement. There is currently \$40,000 in ACCE for this project. There is no urgency at this point, as CVS has the corner lot. It would be prudent to put some funding away for a time when Ffyer Road should be accepted as a Town Road. The relocation of the Highway Department to another town property is estimated to cost \$2.5 million and was presented to ACCE.

Utility Line Expansion down Route #75 – Due to new changes in the Federal law giving more oversight regarding vernal pools to the Army Corps of Engineers, the design of the utility lines has to be changed. We will go as far as we have funding. Town Engineer Gerry Turbet is finalizing the contract with Cardinal Engineering for the design work.

The Library ADA project has almost all of its funding in place. This ADA project will go to Town Meeting for approval and acceptance of all grants, etc. The Town meeting is scheduled for March 20. The Historic District approved the Library ADA project windows. There is discussion of the repavement of Bank Lane which is not finalized yet. This may or could allow 12 additional parking places for the KML. Does the Town own Bank Lane?

The Commission noted the activity of the First Public Forum on the use of the Bridge Street School. Mr. McMahon stated that another Bridge Street School Public Forum is scheduled for March 13. A Town Meeting would be held afterwards and then perhaps a referendum would be held; and the referendum would carry the funding specificity. There is much interest in a Community Center and also use by the Parks and Recreation department. The Commission discussed this topic at length.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.MINUTES.FEB.20.2014