

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

Members present: Howard Orr, Roger Tracy, Gloria Smith, Susan Thorner, Byran Banak
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon
Absent: Lynda Montefusco, Caroline D'Otreppe

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes – Susan Thorner moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 20, 2014 meeting;
Mr. Tracy seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Input: None

Ffyer Place Redevelopment –

Mr. McMahon reported that the Design Review Board at their last meeting approved the site plan of the CVS. The Board had asked CVS to consider some architectural design changes so that the building would be more “colonial”. The changes have been made and will be formally presented to the Design Review Board at their next meeting. Sketches of the changes proposed for the building were shown to the EDC meeting, and the consensus was that it made the building much more attractive and suitable to Suffield.

Mr. McMahon noted that in this current fiscal year, there was \$40,000 for Ffyer Place Road rehabilitation. ACCE approved of \$40,000 for the road project for the next fiscal year. Mr. McMahon requested for funds for the building of a new Highway Facility; no funds were allocated for this project.

He reported that Fuss & O'Neill had contracted for a remedial study for the historical landfill that is located directly behind the existing Highway Department.

Light Industrial Development – Trevisan, a manufacturing company will build a 21,000 square foot facility on the corner of Boston Neck Street and Rt. #75 and hope to break ground in the summer.

Utility Expansion Project – The Town has signed a contract with Cardinal Engineering for this project.

It was noted that there is town owned property, formerly the Reynolds property, which has a section of property preserved for the possibility building of a new Highway Facility.

Mr. Tracy was asked to review the Town Welcome Signs and note which signs need refurbishment.

EDC Director noted that a Town Meeting is scheduled for tonight to approve the Kent Memorial Library ADA project and its funding, and to consider the withdrawal of Suffield from the Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

Mr. McMahon noted that the Suffield Housing Authority is seeking assistance to make modernization improvements to its public senior housing complex on Bridge Street. Immediate capital improvement needs include roof replacements, driveway repairs, kitchen and bathroom upgrades. The Board of Finance approved of the grant application to Small Cities Community Development Block up to \$800,000. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 31.

ACCE has designated \$300,000 for Open Space/Farm Preservation program for the next fiscal year.

Suffield will host the Pan Mass Challenge, PMC, kids' ride; a Bike charity ride sponsored by the First National Bank of Suffield, May 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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