

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
June 19, 2014 - Town Hall - 8:30 a.m.

Members present:

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

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Tami Zawistowski, the 61st House of State Representatives to the meeting.

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

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: By voted motion, the minutes of the May 15, 2014 EDC meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Ff Tyler Place Redevelopment

Mr. McMahon reported that the new proposed CVS had been approved by the Zoning & Planning Commission.

Mr. McMahon spoke of the redevelopment plans. A developer continues to pursue his interest; there are needs still to be addressed. The Remedial Plan for the Garage Relocation has been completed. Are additional soil borings going to be required on the three and half/ acre that is the site of the Highway Department and formerly long ago, a town dump? For full development of Ff Tyler Place, the Highway Department, Salt Shed, Dog Pound, would have to be relocated. A new highway department facility would have to be built.

Light Industrial Development

Mr. McMahon reported that the design for the reconstruction for Canal Road has been completed.

The design for the expansion of utilities down Route 75 is still being completed. This project is moving forward.

Kent Memorial Library ADA Project has been delayed due a problem with obtaining a vendor for the specified new windows. The renovation of the Town Hall has been delayed temporarily.

The Director announced that Hilltop Farm has been granted \$250,000 from OPM. The State is allowing a long time grant of \$75,000 to the Town/Babbs Beach to be reallocated to the Babbs roller rink.

The Town will apply and submit an application Revenue Service Neighborhood Assistant Act. The Board of Selectmen recently approved this submittal of an application.

Representative Zawistowski informed the Commission that she is working for the renovation of the Newgate Prison. Due to safety engineering factors, this facility has been closed for tourists. This was a very popular historic tourist attraction, and she hopes it will soon be again. Speed on Newgate Road needs to be addressed in some manner. She will keep the Commission updated on the progress of the project. Mr. Orr thanked Representative Zawistowski for her attendance and comments.

It was noted that the Economic Development Commission will not meet in July or August. The Chairman may call a Special Meeting if required.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.June.19.2014.minutes