

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Oct. 15, 2009 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr , Charles Alfano, Susan Thorner, Roger Tracy, alts. Lynda Montefusco, Brian Banak Absent: Russ. Cobb
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

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

Voting rights were accorded to Lynda Montefusco for the absent Mr. Cobb.

Minutes: Ms. Thorner moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 17, 2009 meeting, Ms. Montefusco seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comment: None

Director's Report - Mr. McMahon reported that Lot # 8 in Mach One Industrial Park has been sold to a high tech laser company. Because of recent contacts developed by the recent Suffield Familiarization Tour, Sept.16, there is new viable interest in Lot # 3. He noted viable interest in other commercial properties.

Mr. McMahon noted that Suffield has been awarded a STEAP grant of \$240,000; \$150,000 is allocated for Landfill expansion, and \$90,000 for two generators to be used by the Police Department and the Senior Center. He reported that Suffield is applying for \$68,735 to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Plan). These funds would be used for the replacement windows at Town Hall, energy audits, and lighting improvements in the Library. The Town has received a Small Cities grant (DCBG) of \$125,000. These funds will be used for sidewalks and hot water heaters for Suffield's senior housing.

Senior Center – Work is progressing and going well. The completion date is approximately March, 2010. Private fund raising has been successful, but \$150,000 is needed to reach the goal of \$386,000.

Ffyer Place – Viable interests continues for the rehabilitation of the Ffyer Place area.

Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD) - Mr. McMahon stated that the Town Planner, Bill Hawkins noted that the update has been drafted and several workshops seeking public input will be scheduled. Dates will be announced at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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