

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission Meeting
Sept. 17, 2009 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr Jr., Charles Alfano Jr., Russ Cobb, Roger Tracy, Susan Thorner, alt. L. Montefusco Absent: B. Banak
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

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

Minutes – Mr. Alfano moved to approve the minutes of the June 18 meeting; Ms. Thorner seconded. The minutes were approved.

Public Input – None

Familiarization Tour – Mr. McMahon reported in some detail, the successful bus tour held September 16, 2009. Approximately 45 realtors, architects, members of the DCEC, utility representatives, and others toured the Town of Suffield, viewing different properties, commercial sites, Mach One, and the Town Center. The Tour ended with a luncheon at the Country Club. The Town boasts a good inventory of existing facilities for virtually every sort of business. The Town's planned industrial development areas afford the luxury of build-to-suit in contemporary park-like surroundings supported by the latest infrastructure. The Chairman noted that this marketing venture was very successful and complimented the EDC Director for its success. The DECD Commission thanked the EDC Director and all those who participated and thanked the First National Bank for its support.

Director's Report – Mr. McMahon noted that the Bradley Development League again will try to get legislative approval for an airport development zone. A "built out analysis" of the area surrounding the airport will be commissioned to denote the potential of the property. An extension of the lease of the cell towers in the Town of Suffield is being sought. This will be negotiated, and go before the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for approval.

Senior Center Update – Bids were sought and there were 15 responses. The contract was awarded to Millenium of Rocky Hill. The contract will be signed very soon, and the completion date is approximately March, 2010.

Chairman Orr reported that the Farm Fest and the Annual Dinner were a great success. Approximately 2500 persons attended the Farm Fest Day.

Mr. Tracy reported that a new Suffield sign will be installed at the intersection of North and Hickory Street. This sign will replace the previous sign that had been stolen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary edc.MINUTES.SEPT.17.09