

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Dec. 18, 2008 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr Jr., Charles Alfano Jr., Roger Tracy, Lynda Montefusco
Absent: R. Cobb, B. Banak, S. Thorner
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
Voting rights were accorded to Ms. Montefusco for the absent Ms. Thorner.

Minutes – Mr. Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the Nov. 20, 2008 meeting; Mr. Alfano seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comment: None

- Industrial Roadway update: Mr. McMahon reported that the new name, Marketing Drive, has been approved as the name of the Industrial Roadway. The WMG's expansion is in progress. The budget for the industrial roadway may be tight.
- Senior Center Project update: The Senior Center purchase will close December 28, 2008. All grant documentation has been filed. It was noted that the Permanent Building Commission will direct and oversee the project. A grant application to the Hartford Foundation for Giving for \$200,000 for the Senior Center has been submitted. A decision of the awarded grants may come in February. A capital campaign drive for the Senior Center will be launched in early January.
- Director's Report – Mr. McMahon noted that the Zoning and Planning Commission has approved the expansion of the Town Center Village District. E. Roy has filed an application for the construction of an office building, 11,000 sq. feet, to be located in the front of the day care center. There is viable interest in Lots 3 and 8 in Mach One. The next EDC Forum will be held in late January to discuss Rt. 159 and West Suffield. The Director will submit the name of EDC alternate member, Brian Banak, to serve on the Z&P Master Plan steering committee.

Mr. Orr updated the Commission on the construction of a two story enclosed fire escape at Hilltop Farm for an approximate cost of \$50-75,000. The completion of the fire escape will be one more step closer to the approval of the Barn's use by the public.

The EDC Director urges all municipal and private projects to submit data to the State in order to get in line for any State-Federal economic stimulus funding.

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

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary edc .MINUTES.DEC.18.08