

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Commission
Monday, June 20, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
Town Hall second floor conference room

Members present: Howard Orr , Susan Thorner, Kate Rietburg, Gloria Smith
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon, Town Planner Bill Hawkins

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

Minutes: Ms. Thorner moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting; Ms. Smith seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The Chairman noted that Lynda Montefusco is no longer on the Commission, and the Commission expressed its appreciation for her devoted service. Mr. Orr reported that Arnie Magid has been appointed to the Commission and we welcome him as our new member.

The Commission discussed signs in West Suffield Village, i.e. signs for a flea market in front of the Chic & Antique Store. Perhaps we should have a discussion about the regulations regarding set back properties. It has been noted that West Suffield small businesses sometimes feel neglected.

Ff Tyler Place Redevelopment: Suffield did not get a grant to relocate the garage. Currently there are no definitive plans for the roadway nor for the removal of the two old structures.

Light Industrial Development: We have a signed contract for the increased extension of utilities down Route #75. We have requested additional funds for this expansion. There is viable interest in Five Firestone Drive. Ron Poulin has approval for future expansion. Babbs Beach is due to open the first of August. Bridge Street School and the Suffield Town Hall still need funding for remediation; we are waiting for figures and final plans.

Director's Report: Mr. Orr reported that Hilltop Farm is making progress. The interior of House # 1 and House #2 are under repair and we hope to have them completed by the end of the summer. The Creamery is one of our priorities and we hope to have this project done by the end of the summer. We are undertaking a capital campaign to fund the Creamery and the sprinkling system. The South Street School is for sale and has multiple uses, residential and commercial.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.Min.June.20.2016