



Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME May 27, 2025

LOCATION: Town Hall

Attendees: Jim O'Hearn, Shawn Curtis, Matthew Beggs, Karen Murdoch

1. Call to Order - 6:01 pm
2. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. April Minutes approved as written
3. Correspondence
 - a. Networking event, feedback via facebook, people have responded "going" or "interested"
4. Old Business
 - a. Business of the Month May – Smyth's Auto Body
 - b. Business of the Month, June – no nomination, consider how to move forward on this topic, need more community engagement
 - c. Budget Update – reviewed costs for printing and mailing brochures highlighting businesses, EDC budget should cover most items requested. Members assigned sections of town to list all business with foot traffic to be included in EDC advertising
 - d. Networking meeting – discussed ideas for speakers, topics of discussion at meeting
5. New Business
 - a. Initiatives:
 - i. May be opportunities to include EDC information with town mailings from Town Clerk, Assessors office etc
 - ii. National Night Out – get more information about it
 - iii. New email address – would be a cost to the commission, commission voted to ask for and pay for an email address edc@somersct.gov
 - b. Industrial Info – reviewed locations of properties in town
 - c. Grant information – discussed pursuing grants for small business support
6. Business Issues
 - a. Discussed how to better get support from town departments for businesses
7. Adjournment 7:40 pm

Minutes are not Official until Approved at a Subsequent Meeting