

Are current regulations encouraging positive economic development in Windham?

It's always worth examining our approach to the economic development process.

- A better developed commercial tax revenue base in Windham could offer up to a 12% REDUCTION in residential tax payers' bills.
- We lag our "comparable" town neighbors by almost half in terms of developing appropriately designated land. This also limits the convenience and services available to residents as well as tax relief.
- The "cost of services" to support commercial development is very low, thus ADDING to our net town income, while residential development runs a deficit.

So it is appropriate to ask – are we "putting our best face forward" to make commercial development a positive, transparent and engaging process? The only beneficiaries are us – the residents of the Town of Windham.

The Windham Economic Development Committee – dedicated to enhancing the vitality of the local economy to balance the tax base for all Windham residents. Visit us on line at: <u>www.windhamnewhampshire.com/committees/economic-development-</u> <u>committee</u>