

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Approved

PRESENT: Mike Oldenburg, Lisa Walker, Bob Higgins and Ralph Valentine

Meeting called to order at the Windham Town Hall at 7:35 AM

Welcome, Lisa Walker to this committee.

The minutes of August 20, 2014 were approved as submitted on a motion by Mike and seconded by Bob. The vote was 3-0-1

Bob led a discussion about the cable infrastructure. There is a broadband study being completed for the Town, there have been 3 or 4 meetings. The deliverable will be a reference document. Of note, there is a fiber line running along Route 111 which has “data center” quality, Waveguide of Nashua owns this line. Question by the Chair: Does this line put create a competitive advantage for Windham? The reference document may answer this question. There was a suggestion that when trenches are open, empty conduits should be laid for the future

Ralph led a very short discussion about roads, noting that signage will be important when the interchange is re-configured.

There was a discussion about electricity. All agreed that we lose it too often, but the more important question is do we have enough to meet future economic development demand. It would be good to quantify “future economic development demand.” In the spring, invite PSNH to talk about their view of our electricity infrastructure.

Telephone access is another component of our infrastructure, broken down to landlines and cellular activity. It was noted that Verizon cellular service in Windham is poor. Committee will invite Verizon to our Committee for a meeting, but prior to that we will invite Mr. Tony Miller of SAI to talk about cellular infrastructure in general and in Windham. Bob noted that the Broadband reference document will contain some information about cellular service.

Water infrastructure was discussed. Ralph will get an update on the line extension to the intersection of Route 111 and 128. That project is believed to go out for bid and constructed in 2015. Ralph will confirm that the line extension will be 12”. He will check with John Boisvert at Pennichuck to confirm the line size which will be extended to the Braemar Woods Condominiums. Bob thinks that we need to

create a vision for the Town, and that to achieve the vision, public water expansion is needed.

There was not much discussion about sewer.

Bob suggested that the EDC discuss the Market Square in terms of infrastructure needs.

The subcommittee will be inviting Senator Birdsell to a meeting sometime in the summer.

Next Meeting: TENTATIVE: Wednesday Jan 28, 015 at 7:30 AM

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 AM by Bob, second by Mike, motion passed 4-0-0.

Ralph Valentine