

**WEDC MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2014
FINAL**

Present: Chairman R. Valentine, Members: B. Higgins, C. Roberts, M. Oldenberg, A. Letizio, E. Gallagher, P. Gosselin, Noel Lyons-Baker
Non-Voting: Joel Desilets
CDD: L. Scott

Vice Chair E. Gallagher called meeting to order at 7:39am – Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. Introduction to new member Noel Lyons-Baker and rest of committee introduced themselves. E. Gallagher turned meeting over to Chairman R. Valentine as he stepped in a few minutes late.

Reviewed meeting minutes of August 8th 2014 meeting. A. Letizio made motion to amend the minutes due to an August 14th update. M. Oldenberg seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-3. C. Roberts, P. Gosselin, N. Lyons-Baker abstained

TOWN RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman R. Valentine brought in a draft letter for committee to review. Committee spent bulk of meeting discussing recommendations for actions on specific lots of land owned by town. After much discussion about best property use, definition of “right of way”, “value of property to town”, and some very constructive comments from members: A. Letizio, R. Valentine, B. Higgins, P. Gosselin, E. Gallagher and CDD Laura Scott the committee was in agreement on the following recommendations:

M. Oldenberg made motion to make recommendations on lots, seconded by C. Roberts
7-0-1. A. Letizio abstained.

Lot 8B 850, Lot 8B 900: Keep (looked at as potential fire substation use)

Lot 8B 1860, 11A 634: Keep (WEDC would like further evidence and definition of why “right of way” is listed in description of lot). Historically this language has very specific meaning when looking at lots.

Lot 9A 652: Merge with 9a 655 and sell

Lot 16L 50: Keep

Lot 8B 4401: Discontinue Libby Road and offer parcel to abutter along Libby Road.

Lot 8B 6301: Keep

Lot 9A 655: Merge with 9A 652 and sell

Lot 11A 298: Keep

Lot 11C 350: Keep

Lot 14A 230: Conservation

Lot 20D 1000: Keep

Land Use Subcommittee

Discussion about WEDC presentation to happen on October 15th for recommendation for zoning and land use, the committee will get into detail at our next meeting on 10/10/14.

Motion made by Ed Gallagher to present page 1 of R. Valentine's letter to the Town Selectman with our recommendations. A. Letizio suggested a few language changes to the letter; the changes were accepted by the committee. E. Gallagher's motion seconded by P. Gosselin (with changes). 7-0-1. A. Letizio abstained. The letter is officially attached to these minutes and changes were made

Strategic Plan Presentation

E. Gallagher presented the draft of the updated strategic plan for the WEDC. Main points that were touched upon were the message of improving quality of life for the residents of Windham and promoting Windham as an attractive place for businesses. Economic development's role is an essential part of broadening the tax base between residents and businesses. Committee will receive a copy of the draft and review for approval at our 10/10/14 meeting.

Cable Communications update:

B. Higgins provided an update to a meeting he attended referenced a letter L. Scott wrote to business owners and residents about voicing concerns with services provided. No issues reported with the Comcast cable service. B. Higgins

noted that the Town Hall uses Fairpoint. L. Scott briefly discussed 3 month broadband plan in town.

Motion to adjourn by E. Gallagher, seconded by B. Higgins 8-0-0 9:34am