

**WEDC MEETING MINUTES**  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11/7/14**  
**DRAFT**

Present: Chairmen A. Letizio

Members: C. Roberts, M. Oldenberg, R. Valentine, P. Gosselin, Noel Lyons-Baker, D. Morris

Excused: B. Higgins

Absent: E. Gallagher, J. Coburn, B. Breton

CDD: L. Scott Non-Voting but present: J. Desilets

Chair A. Letizio opened meeting at 7:00am with Group Pledge of Allegiance

A. Letizio first discussed the waiver of by-law on 11/3 by Town Selectmen so he could chair WEDC.

Committee reviewed meeting minutes from 10/10/14 meeting; R. Valentine made motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Gosselin. 7-0-0.

### **Discussion about Draft of Strategic Plan**

There was much discussion about the Mission statement on the draft. R. Valentine pointed out that the WEDC rules state that the Mission statement cannot be changed unless it is brought to the WEDC and then to the Town Selectmen for approval. P. Gosselin and R. Valentine made points in regards to the mission of the WEDC and R. Valentine brought up that the word economic not even in the draft mission statement. J. Desilets pointed out that the omission of the word economic was not intentional. The entire committee weighed in on various points and after some clarification by A. Letizio, L. Scott, and R. Valentine, a motion was made by C. Roberts to adopt Strategic Plan without changing the current mission statement. R. Valentine seconded the motion. 7-0-0 passed.

### **Set up of Various Subcommittees**

First there were 5 placed for discussion: 1) Land-Use 2) Communication 3) Infrastructure 4) Strategic Planning 5) Market Square

There was discussion among members whether there was a need to continue with a strategic planning sub-committee. Points were made by C. Roberts, M. Oldenberg, J. Desilets that perhaps we keep the committee in place to continue a review of mission statement and the WEDC rules for possible amendment to include draft mission statement and also just a general review of the rules of WEDC. C. Roberts made point that strategic planning is not a one-time event it is continuous and evolving. A. Letizio and R. Valentine made points that we as the WEDC are now in charge of pushing the plan forward. Vote was taken of whether to keep Strategic Planning as a subcommittee. Votes were as follows: **No:** D. Morris, P. Gosselin, N. Lyons-Baker, and R. Valentine. **Yes:** M. Oldenberg, A. Letizio, C. Roberts 4-3 – **rejected**. Strategic Planning sub-committee will not exist at this time.

## **Land-Use**

### **Areas of Concentration:**

Zoning of Parcels, Town Parcels, Conservation Sell/Keep

Motion by P. Gosselin to elect M. Oldenberg chair and seconded by R. Valentine **7-0-0**

**Chair:** M. Oldenberg **Members:** A. Letizio, J. Desilets, and N. Lyons-Baker (possibly more but some EDC members were absent)

## **Communication**

Serves to communicate to the public about the intentions of the WEDC which would include: membership roles, areas of focus and progress

### **Areas of Communication:**

Website, Social Media, Branding, Newspapers, Chambers of Commerce, residents, businesses

Motion by R. Valentine to elect C. Roberts chair and seconded by D. Morris. **6-0-1** (C. Roberts abstained)

**Chair:** C. Roberts **Members:** N. Lyons-Baker, D. Morris (possibly more as some EDC members absent).

## **Infrastructure**

### **Areas of Concentration:**

Water/Sewer, Roads, Utilities, Natural Gas, Broadband/Cable, Cell Phone coverage.

Motion by P. Gosselin to elect R. Valentine chair and seconded by C. Roberts **7-0-0**

**Chair:** R. Valentine **Members:** M. Oldenberg, J. Coburn, B. Higgins (possibly more as some EDC members absent)

## **Market Square District**

### **Areas of Concentration:**

Planning Board, Warrant Article, Education, Public Forums, Site Visits and field trips

Motion made by R. Valentine to elect A. Letizio as Chair and seconded by C. Roberts. **7-0-0**

**Chair:** A. Letizio **Members:** J. Desilets, P. Gosselin, M. Oldenberg, N. Lyons-Baker (possibly more as some EDC members absent)

A. Letizio discussed the presentation given to Planning Board on the Market Square project, the overall feed-back was good and presentation went well. P. Gosselin commented that as a member of the Planning Board he thought it was received very well. Planning Board had some questions that needed follow up answers by the Land Use sub-committee. Land-Use Sub-Committee met on 10/30/14 to answer those questions, K. St Laurent from Planning Board attended the last portion of the meeting. WEDC had a copy of the answers and we reviewed as a committee. R. Valentine made motion to accept draft document to be used at Planning Board workshop on 11/12/14. The motion was seconded by M. Oldenberg. **7-0-0**

A. Letizio mentioned that he has had several seniors in the community and members of the school board that have voice support of the Market Square project. He also mentioned a letter

that was sent to L. Scott, A. Letizio and R. Valentine by local engineer Karl Dubay which voiced some potential opposition and concern over the Market Square project. All WEDC HAVE NOT seen or read the letter. A. Letizio said he would provide a copy to all members so that we could read and discuss at our next meeting. L. Scott asked if we would like to hold another meeting on 11/14/14 to discuss the results of the 11/12/14 Planning Board workshop. It was decided that we should do that. Next meeting 11/14/14. **P. Gosselin requested it be at 8am instead of 7:30am so he could do a few extra laps on his treadmill before the meeting 😊 - Committee Ok'd request as we are all concerned for Paul's health 😊**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:13am by R. Valentine and seconded by P. Gosselin