

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2017

FINAL

PRESENT: Gary Garfield, Lisa Walker, George Fredette and Ralph Valentine

Excused: Bruce Richardson and Mike Oldenburg

Staff: Rex Norman

Guests: Senator Chuck Morse, Senator Regina Birdsell and Kristi St. Laurent, PB Liaison to EDC,

Call to order at the Windham Comm. Dev. Dept. at 7:30 AM.

Motion by Lisa second by Ralph to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017 Approved 3-0-1 with the exception of one typo.

Senator Chuck Morse gave a brief update on water infrastructure issues. There will be a concerted effort to bring municipal water to areas which need it by investing money the state received from the oil companies for MtBE contamination. This effort is supported by Gov. Sununu. There will be a focus on areas where water will help generate economic development while protecting the environment. A program is being developed to leverage the funds as has been done with the L-Chip program. The program seeks matching funds because the cost of water line upgrades and new installations far exceed the money available. Senator Morse suggested that if Windham is aggressive with development and the development is contingent on a water line, then DES will work directly with Windham to help meet water needs. Sen. Morse recalled Windham is not friendly to commercial development. Kristi St. Laurent feels that sentiment is changing, evidenced by new developments going on at Village Center and Gateway at Exit 3.

Rex reported that there is optimism that the PUC will issue and order approving Liberty Utilities petition to serve Pelham and Windham with natural gas.

Ralph received an update from Eversource but would make a report at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 by Ralph, second by Lisa, motion passed 4-0-0

Ralph Valentine, Secretary

