

Windham Economic Development Committee  
Infrastructure Sub-Committee  
Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2017

APPROVED

Present: Mike Oldenburg Gary Garfield. Lisa Walker, George Fredette and Ralph Valentine

Excused: George Fredette, Bruce Richardson

Staff: Rex Norman, with a cameo appearance by Dick Gregory

Call to order at the Windham Comm. Dev. Dept. at 7:37 AM.

Motion by Ralph second by Lisa to approve the minutes of February 22, 2017 as amended, approved 3-0-1.

Ralph gave an overview of the meeting with Senator Chuck Morse for the benefit of Mike Oldenburg.

A discussion ensued about the following question: Do we have a master plan for water, as does the Town of Derry and other Towns? A motion was made by Ralph seconded by Mike "The Chair would make a request of the EDC at its next meeting to direct the EDC Master Plan sub-committee to start to prepare the economic Development chapter of the 2015 Master Plan to include an infrastructure master plan, including water, sewer, Gas, electric, tel-data and roads." Motion passed 4-0-0.

Ralph gave an update on Eversource improvements. A second feed into Windham went into service in June 2016. It included the installation of a 3-mile long, 3-phase distribution system on 100 new poles, with 3 automation devices which can be operated remotely. It runs from Kendall Pond Road along Londonderry Rd. to North Lowell Rd. Covered wire was used which should decrease interference from trees and branches. Cost was over \$1M. This created a loop system providing a higher level of reliability for 80% of Windham. Some underground cable was replaced in various parts of Town. Fairpoint is responsible for relocating

Underway right now is the installation by Fairpoint of 41 new poles on No. Lowell Rd. from the Planning/Development office to Londonderry. Once complete, Eversource will replace about 5,400 feet of 3-phase primary wire with covered wire to increase reliability. Eversource work should start April 1 and be complete by mid-2017. Projected Eversource cost: \$550,000.

The smaller, older poles on both projects will be removed by Fairpoint once the remaining cabling is relocated to the new poles. Windham's road agent is not aware of the schedule of that relocation and removal. Those second poles are subject to being taxed, per Rex Norman, former Tax Assessor. Gary asked Ralph to call Fairpoint to confirm their schedule is for relocation and removal.

Rex will update the committee next meeting re: the Liberty Utilities petition.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 by Ralph, second by Lisa, motion passed 4-0-0

Ralph Valentine, Secretary