

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 23, 2013

APPROVED

PRESENT: Bob Young, Sy Wrenn and Ralph Valentine,

Meeting called to order at Windham Planning Dept. by Ralph at 8:10 AM.

The minutes of April 11, 2013 were reviewed. There was a discussion about whether or not the names of anyone from the public who attends the meeting should be listed in the minutes as attending the meeting. Bob brought up the discussion after having received such a request from Ruth-Ellen Post, who had attended the March 21, 2013 Infrastructure Sub-Committee Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 11, 2013 as submitted with one amendment, which was to add Sue Denopoulos as a Guest Attendant. The motion passed 3-0.

Bob made a motion to reconsider the motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2013. The motion passed 3-0. Bob then made a motion to amend the minutes of March 21, 2013 to add Ruth-Ellen Post as a guest attendant. The motion passed 3-0.

The sub-committee discussed a timeline for presenting a request to fund a water study from this year's budget, which was set at no later than the end of July. All agreed that it would be important to gain the support of the PTA, the School Board, the Fire Dept. and other groups. The EDC at the next meeting would discuss a request to enlist the EDC Marketing Committee.

Ralph suggested that the sub-committee invite someone from both the Derry and Salem water utility departments. A discussion ensued about the suggestion. After a good debate, all agreed that Ralph would make the invitations.

The basis of the presentation could be to answer the question: "Why municipal water". First because it will protect our natural water resources. Second because it would provide a reliable and steady supply of water for fire protection and potability. This supply will support commercial development which is a goal of the EDC and the Master Plan. The MP stated that commercial Development as a percentage of taxes collected should increase from 7 % to 10 % by 2015. As of 2013, that percentage is only 7.9 %. Increasing the commercial tax base will reduce the tax burden on residential taxpayers. The request for funding will be substantiated by the many documents and reports which are in the possession of the Town, which clearly direct the Town to protect our natural water resources and direct the Town to consider adding Municipal Utilities.

Sy will review the Route 28 Access Management Overlay District.

Bob will research alternative consultants to Kleinfelder.

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Motion to adjourn by Sy, seconded by Bob, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Ralph Valentine