

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, May 25, 2016

Approved

PRESENT: Mike Oldenburg, Gary Garfield. Lisa Walker and Ralph Valentine

GUEST: Peter Griffin, member, Board of Directors, Canobie Lake Protective Association (CLPA)

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

Meeting minutes for April 13 and May 4, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as submitted on a motion by Mike, second by Lisa with a 4-0-0 vote.

No update on water line extension to Routes 111 and 128 intersection.

The DES water study is still expected to be completed in the next 30 to 60 days. It is a 2-pronged, to include studying an extension from west Windham to Exit 3 and further on to Salem. That study is expected as soon as late May, early June. The results of that study will provide a basis for the MtBERB (MtBE Remediation Bureau) to determine what amount of MtBE funds could be used towards the cost of the water line.

Eversource will be contacted for an update on capital improvements being made in Windham.

The May 24, 2016 PUC hearing has been postponed, Liberty Utilities (LU) and the PUC are in “settlement talks”. The PUC had submitted testimony in opposition to the Pelham/Windham franchise application due to the method of financial analysis employed in the application. The “settlement talks” are a method for the PUC and LU to discuss the status of the application and PUC’s opposition.

Ralph reached out to Cobbett’s Pond Improvement Association (CPIA) to discuss their position on infrastructure issues. This reach-out was in lieu of drafting an article about MtBE issues at Exit 3 and at the North End of Cobbett’s Pond. It was suggested that this sub-committee meet with representatives of the CPIA and CLPA in a workshop to have a general discussion of infrastructure. Peter Griffin reported that the CLPA Board had met and discussed such a workshop and the CLPA was in support of the workshop. He also reported that he had heard that the CPIA was also in favor of the workshop and the dates were being discussed.

Gary suggested that the EDC meet with the Salem Economic Development Committee.

Next meeting will be scheduled once we hear from CPIA and CLPA.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 by Lisa, second by Mike, motion passed 4-0-0.

Ralph Valentine