

Windham Economic Development Committee
Draft Minutes
August 11th, 2017

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| Present: | Excused |
| B. Richardson | G. Toubia |
| G. Garfield | M. Oldenburg |
| G. Fredette | R. Norman |
| D. Morris | J. Desilets |
| M. Magnuson | |
| C. Macoul | |
| L. Walker | |
| K. St Laurent | |

7:35 AM call to order, Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by G. Fredette seconded by C. Macoul to accept minutes of July WEDC meeting.
Motion carried 5-0-2

Discussion on Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning meeting. Second meeting took place in Salem. G. Fredette offered his take away of points. Each community offered their needs regarding water. Plaistow in dire need. Manchester has the ability to treat and distribute water above and beyond their needs, somewhere in the vicinity of 20 Million gallons. The issue needs resolve to be moving forward. Create a plan and start it.

Derry and Londonderry were absent from the meeting. Hampstead has 8-10 wells to serve water needs.

Senator Morse feels towns should have skin in the game. There is money from MBTE but has to be for numerous things and not just one. Governor Sununu wants the town to put pipe in the ground but it is unclear where. D. Morris shared that S. Von Aulock did not feel town ready for piping at this time. B. Breton has been appointed to the board to oversee the pipe issue. G. Garfield suggested an article be published regarding the meeting. D. Morris asked about follow up meeting, at this time none scheduled.

In attendance was Mr. Peter Zhodi presenting plans for 3 parcels in town.

1. Clarke Farm Road is a 43-acre parcel on Mammoth Rd. He is seeking recommendations for the parcel. Water is available and a prior request to the zoning board was denied.
2. Indian Rock Rd. CVS plans to purchase about 30 acres and is interested in knowing the wishes of the WEDC.
3. Zoned Gateway. 10% of this parcel can be retail space. Interested parties willing to pay for traffic light or discuss with adjoining businesses. A traffic light is a key element in the project.

Mr Zhodi is seeking support from WEDC to the Planning Board for above mentioned parcels. The WEDC is supportive of development as it relates to economic growth. It was cautioned that

letters of support should be crafted so as not to appear a recommendation to the planning board.

Liason Reports.

- **Planning Board**- K. St Laurent slow on applicants, CIP project has begun. A lifespan committee has been established to take housing stock and study diversity.

Master Plan- Not clear if water will be part of Master Plan, separate chapter, or weaved into another chapter. G. Fredette commented that the root of the indecision is water supply versus water resources. The DES should stop drilling for wells. The planning board mission for water is not clear and public should be informed on needs in the community.

A 1970's ordinance was cited to protect the cost of water. This over time has translated to a mindset of the community.

- **GSCC**- resources for communication.
Eversource fall energy forum
Business Dinner 9/20
Women's Luncheon 10/12
Biz Fest Castleton 10/25

Communication Committee-

Spotlight on Business, why Windham, experience of the town.

Motion by L. Walker to adjourn seconded by G.Fredette. Adjourned at 9:00 A.M.