

Windham Economic Development Committee
Approved Meeting Notes
January 13th 2017

Present:

M. Oldenburg
G. Garfield
D. Feroce
L. Walker
D. Morris
E. Gallagher
K. St Laurent
G. Fredette
M. Magnuson
R. Norman

Absent:

B. Richardson

7:35 A.M call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

Thank you to Ruth-Ellen Post on her work for the town and the committee. Welcome Kristi St. Laurent.

Minutes of December 9th meeting

Motion made by G. Fredette to accept the minutes with the date correction to read December 9th not December 7th. Seconded by M. Magnuson.

Motion carried 6-0-1

Committee Updates:

Communications:

Write on Medicus in Windham Independent

Meeting scheduled for January 23rd for action on follow up items.

Infrastructure:

December 9th meeting discussed regional water ban

Water Study for Turner Well.

Representation by Hudson, Derry, Plaistow, Salem, Windham, Pennichuck, and 5 DES reps.

Regional discussion identified Merrimack River as a sustainable supply.

A Press release for Windham Independent regarding SNH Planning Commission.

Citizens petition for Village Center District to access wells across route 111 with future tie in moving forward.

The committee will attempt to gain momentum and leadership on water in town. Ralph Valentine and Mike Oldenburg to meet with Regina Birdsell for support.

A motion made by M. Oldenburg seconded by D. Feroce to send a letter from WEDC in support of Citizens Petition. All in favor 9-0-0

Land Use:

3 lots in discussion in area of London Bridge, Route 111 and Center School

Committee to meet with Planning board. Possibility of a warrant in 2018.

School board has an interest as well at least for short term use for needs According to Rex Norman school board is in search of a 5- year lease. This seems to be conflicting with previous dialogue from school board.

Karly Dubay surveying land to determine usable acreage, wetlands, sustainability.

Director of Development:

Spent time with some of the town commercial properties

Create interconnectivity with the parties

Identify additional owners.

Parcel at route 111 and 28 ready for development.

G. Cairns looking to expand. Concerned about moving out of town. 40 acres that could/should be discussed to keep business in town.

Jim Logan owns a parcel on route 111 that could be potentially for commercial use.

Town website bids are under review.

Motion made by G. Garfield seconded by K. St Laurent to submit a letter to planning board in support of new website for town.

Chamber update:

Legislative update January 27th 7:30 AM

Planning Board:

Water usage a large concern for residents.

Goal of planning board is to promote good change for the town.

55 plus housing-what is the vision?

Demographic profile- specific age set missing. Depart for college not returning to town to settle down.

Motion made by M. Magnuson seconded by G. Fredette to adjourn.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.