

**Windham Economic Development Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes**

**June 9, 2017**

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

7:40 A.M. meeting called to order. Pledge of Allegiance  
Special guests Ted Meyer from Volutus demonstrated to the committee the uniqueness of drone capability for aerial photos and mapping along with many tasks as well as cost and time saving measures for companies. They have begun work with firms in the area as development progresses.

Motion made by G. Garfield seconded by E. Gallagher to accept the minute of May 12,2017.

Motion passed 6-0-2.

The committee welcomed new members Gabe Toubia and Claire Macoul to the committee. Gabe has severed on several committees in town and wants to remain connected to moving the town forward. Claire has lived in town many years and will assume management of the soon to be opened branch of Enterprise Bank.

Ed Gallagher will not renew his term. He expressed gratitude for the work of the committee and appreciation for Gary Garfield's willingness to step up to lead the committee going forward.

The committee members in turn thanked Ed for his guidance and leadership.

A motion was made by Bruce Richardson seconded by Lisa Walker to nominate Gary Garfield as Committee Chair. Gary accepted motion carried 7-0-1

A motion was made by Bruce Richardson seconded by Donna Morris to nominate Mike Oldenburg as vice chair. Mike Oldenburg nominated George Fredette as vice chair. Motion failed to get second nomination. Motion carried 7-0-1 to nominate Mike Oldenburg.

G. Garfield encouraged new members to join subcommittees.

M. Oldenburg updated committee on NHDES Study identifying wells that have had to be replaced or deepened over time. The map was color coded and noticeable that the replacements were not in any specific location in town but spread across the area.

G. Garfield informed committee that the Seacoast area has put together a house bill to address the water issue in that area.

A discussion took place regarding the ownership of the water issue at any government level. A guest appearance several months back by Senator Morse suggested Windham act in its own interest and not necessarily in a regional approach. Committee members noted that the most viable solution appears as if it would satisfy several towns dealing with water concerns.

A copy of the bill will be sent out to WEDC members for review. It is apparent to the committee more government involvement will be needed to move the water issue forward. M. Oldenburg commented that it appears as though no one at the top level of state government is representing the issue of water needed in our area. K. St Laurent suggested getting all levels of town committees together to move the issue forward.

Proper education to the public is needed to gather support by all levels of government as well. Sharing of the map from NHDES along with strategy

E.Gallagher noted that Economic Development is only one aspect of the need for water in town. D.Morris suggest that communications be a function of the group and not just a few individuals.

Motion was made by E.Gallagher seconded by D.Morris to adjourn. All in favor  
Adjournment at 9:30 AM.

