

Windham Economic Development Committee Meeting
Friday July 14,2017
Approved Minutes

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

7:32 Meeting called to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by G.Garfield.
Motion made by M.Oldenburg seconded by C.Macoul to accept the minutes as amended.
Motion passed 6-0-1

Sub -committee meeting minutes

All sub- committee meeting minutes are posted on website. No vote needed by full committee to accept sub- committee minutes. Said minutes are voted on by each committee.

Update:

- **TRC-** no update L.Walker suggested to board seek a new representative as current schedule of meetings presents a conflict.
- **Communications:** C. Macoul will forward info to Economic Development Director. Three areas of focus. Provide outline of information on topics related to WEDC and impact with links on website.
 - Business
 - Committees
 - Individuals
- **Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce:** Potential for water forum. Current town manager departing position. Partner with Derry Londonderry to create energy forum in the fall. Northern Pass should be coming out with statement in the fall. D. Morris will look for best timeline to host energy forum based on that information. Seeking nominations for business person of the year.
- **RDS/CDS:** Final marketing report complete for 2017. R.Norman to obtain copies for WEDC members. Report is on the state of economy in NH. They asked the town's interest in an ongoing project. Water study on list to be considered.

- **Communications:** Series of articles to be put on the town website weekly focusing on areas of impact to WEDC . Each week the article will focus on one of the areas listed below on a rotational basis. An outline has been developed with will be giving to businesses of focus to highlight town affiliation, areas of expertise and any unique information they'd like to highlight. Committee will discuss media outlets to use. Outlets would be print, web and email blast.
 - Businesses
 - Individuals
 - Committees

- **Infrastructure:** Discussion continues surrounding ownership of water at state government levels. G.Garfield had a quick discussion with Governor Sununu regarding economic development in town. Highlighted shortage of water in town could impact further growth. Let Governor know that committee was encouraged by Senator Morse to focus on Windham's economic growth and not a regional approach to water. J.Desilets and G.Garfield to author letter to Governor to ask for leadership on the topic of water supply in Windham. G.Garfield in contact with Liberty Utilities to create a flyer should businesses wish to convert usage.

- **Land Use:** Planning board water committee to address water quality and quantity. Committee being led by Alan Carpenter. Alan will create a charter to guide discussion and meeting agenda. Committee is in beginning stages and wants to be mindful of creating duplicity among other committees. M. Oldenburg stated that town building had elevated levels of contaminants but not over the threshold. Areas within 500 ft of town hall were to be tested for contaminants. In addition, it was asked if R. Norman and J. Desilets could create a spread sheet and perhaps a map identifying parcels of land available for redevelopment

Mr. Peter Zohdi appeared before the committee to determine interest and opinion for parcel owned by a client wishing to see it developed. The parcel is located across the street from CVS. His proposal is for a 33-34 until adult community. Mr. Zohdi mentioned that a member of the WEDC stated to him that the town did not want commercial development taking place. G.Garfield questioned how the land is currently zoned and to verify if it is a rural district. K. St Laurant injected that a sub-committee is looking at issues with the parcel as a part of the land comes close to Cobbett's Pond. Potential exists to zone as mixed use. G.Fredette suggested best use of property as it relates to zoning.

Motion made by D. Morris seconded by M. Oldenburg to support concept mixed land use. Motion carried 7-0-1. Mr. Zohdi had two other parcels he was seeking opinions on but time did not permit for further discussion.

Motion to adjourn made by C.Macoul seconded by G.Toubia. All in favor. Meeting adjourned
8:45 AM