

Windham Economic Development Committee
Draft notes
September 8th, 2017

Present:

G. Garfield
B. Richardson
M. Oldenburg
L. Walker
C. Macoul
G. Fredette
M. Magnuson
K. St. Laurent
G. Toubia

Excused

R. Norman
D. Morris

7:35 A.M meeting called to order.

Motion made by B. Richardson, seconded by G Fredette to accept minutes of August WEDC meeting. Motion carried 6-0-2.

Municipal Water- Newly detected contamination of PFOA'S and PFOS'S at Senior Center. Additional contamination was found at Dunkin Donuts. As a result, DES has drawn a 1,000-ft. circle around the area to test for additional contamination in wells. Dunkin Donuts has a filtering system in place prior to findings to eliminate contaminants.

Meeting to take place 10/5 chaired by Senator Morse looking for "Shovel Ready" Projects to fund with MBTE funds. May start with Plaistow as they have borrowed significant funds to address water issues

B. Richardson asked if Cobbett's Pond had been tested. It was assumed but not confirmed that is was tested. Pond not drawn on for drinking water but concern could be for swimmers. One MBTE contaminated site is located quite close to the pond. This site is always under review and monitoring for further contamination.

M. Oldenburg asked Alan Carpenter chair of water committee "What is our charter?" Still do not have one in place. Discussed was more stringent requirements be placed on wells, what additional information can be made available on water studies, volume of contamination, pipeline discussion down route 111. No real direction at this time. Alan Carpenter will meet with planning board in an effort to identify what is or should be the charter for the town regarding water. The current committee is not in lockstep with the WEDC relative to water needs, and possibilities. Much research has been done by the WEDC and the infrastructure sub-committee. Need selectman support for municipal water supply. Waiting could jeopardize funding.

G. Garfield presented asked the WEDC for support of a draft letter to work with SB380 from planning board. Discussion took place surrounding content of draft. Motion made by M. Magnuson, seconded by C. Macoul motion carried 8-0 to have G. Garfield move forward with letter.

Sub Committee updates:

Planning Board- CIP process underway, Master Plan work continuing with edits, deletes etc.

Communications- Form finalized to interview business that are influential to the WEDC.

Motion made by B. Richardson seconded by G. Toubia to adjourn.

8:59 A.M. meeting adjourned.