

Windham Economic Development Committee

Sewer Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes Monday July 25, 2011

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PRESENT: Laura Scott (CDD support, non-voting), Jay Yennaco, Sally D'Angelo and Ralph Valentine (chair)

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM.

There was a lengthy discussion about a CIP request for an Exit 3 Sewer Study, which is the charge by the EDC to this committee. Discussion details can be found in the motion below:

Jay made a motion, seconded by Sally, that the Sewer Sub-Committee NOT recommend that the EDC put forth a CIP request for a sewer study for the following reasons:

It is too late to take advantage of paralleling the I-93 expansion with the sewer expansion, which would have saved a great deal of money for the sewer expansion; as a potential alternative to the I-93 location, there is a thought that the sewer could run Easterly along Range Rd from the Exit 3 area to Rockingham Rd. Salem. Per Laura, brief discussions have surfaced the idea that there are serious capacity issues with such a tie-in;

The EDC lacks sufficient information to make a comprehensive and representative case for why this request should go forth;

The timing is off. This request would be made too quickly on the heels of last March's defeat of the \$65,000 sewer study;

Per Laura, while some large development projects for Exit 3 (in the discussion stage only) balked at moving forward due to lack of sewer, she feels sewer is one of a number of factors putting off such development;

Development will most likely occur in spite of not having sewer;

Water may be just as important as sewer (easier to provide sprinkler systems, eliminates well-radii setbacks, etc.).

The motion passed 3 to 0. Ralph will report at the next EDC meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Sally, seconded by Jay, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Valentine