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Windham Economic Development Committee APPROVED Communications Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Present: Chairman Al Letizio, B. Breton, D. Connolly, S. Denopolis, M. Oldenburg
Chairman Letizio opened the meeting at 8:05am

VOTED: On motion made (D. Connolly) and seconded (S. Denopolis), the minutes of August 20, 2013 meeting were approved 3-0-2 (B. Breton, M. Oldenburg abstaining).

For the benefit of all, including new members, Chairman Letizio reviewed the reasons behind the original establishment of the WEDC and further reviewed the Marketing, now Communications, subcommittee work to date.

The focus of the meeting was to develop additional topics for article publication, an initiative discussed and implemented at the August meeting. All present agreed to continue the initiative, to keep articles short and to focus primarily on the water issue - both the overall benefits of establishing town / municipal water and the more immediate goal of educating voters about water impact prior to an expected warrant article in March to fund a water study for the town. In discussion, the group agreed to write on the following topics:

1. What are the key issues regarding water availability?
2. Why do residential and commercial wells fail?
3. What specific concerns does DES have about the lack of available water in Windham?
4. Where would proposed municipal water come from?
5. How could additional water sources recharge Windham's aquifer?
6. Could residential taxes be lowered by bringing in municipal water?
7. How does municipal water enhance economic development?
8. What water requirements are generated for business which qualify for Business / Professional / Technology zoning areas?
9. What is the impact of "coming up to fire safety code" for existing commercial properties? (ie., the Sisters of Mercy property).
10. What is the efficiency and cost impact of the current water availability in town on fire protection / fire services?
11. What are the views of the current Fire Chief about the possibility of municipal water?

Chairman Letizio noted that a warrant requesting funding for a water study should come from the WEDC to the BOS. Mr. Valentine, the WEDC Chairman will be so notified.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.