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**Windham Economic Development Committee
WEDC
Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 13, 2012**

Present: Chairman, Bob Young; Members: Dianne Connolly, Sally D'Angelo, Bev Donovan, Paul Gosselin, Al Letezio Jr. (depart 10:05), Sy Wrenn,

Staff Support: Laura Scott

Excused: Ralph Valentine, Jay Yennaco

Chairman Young opened the meeting at 7:38.

Chairman Young asked for a moment of silence in condolence to the Okerman family of Windham for their recent and tragic loss.

VOTED: On motion made (A. Letezio) and seconded, (P. Gosselin), the committee approved having Chairman Young send a letter of condolence to the Okerman family. 7-0-0

VOTED: On motion made (B. Donovan) and seconded (A. Letezio), the committee approved the minutes of the June 8, 2012 meeting as submitted. 5-0-2 (D. Connolly, S. Wrenn abstaining).

Election of Officers:

Chairman Young briefly reviewed the process for the yearly election of officers. The committee discussed and nominated the following individuals as the slate of officers:

Robert Young - Chairman (Nominated by S. D'Angelo, seconded by P. Gosselin)

Paul Gosselin - Vice Chairman (Nominated by D. Connolly, seconded by B. Donovan)

Dianne Connolly - Secretary (Nominated by S. D'Angelo, seconded by B. Donovan)

VOTED: The committee elected the slate as nominated. 7-0-0

Annual Rules of Procedure Review

In keeping with the committee's charge, Chairman Young briefly reviewed Section 6 of the Committee's Rules regarding review of and amendment to the Rules. All agreed to leave the Rules as written at this time.

Marketing Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee Chairman Al Letezio reviewed the work done to date, including the subcommittee's mission to define a clear message, identify an appropriate audience, formulate a delivery method and execution plan. Once the scope of this work is completed, it will be presented to the WEDC for approval and implementation. Mr. Letezio continued to describe initial discussions about both printed and video marketing materials, including his offer to help to produce a video piece for the committee to use. General and expanded marketing strategies

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were discussed, underscoring the committee's commitment to articulating clear points to educate the public without advocating specific solutions. Further discussion ensued regarding televised committee meetings with Ms Scott offering an option to tape topic appropriate segments to highlight the committee's work.

Infrastructure Subcommittee Report

Chairman Young spoke for Mr. Valentine and noted that the subcommittee members were working on developing a resource list of major infrastructure providers to include contact information, appropriate maps and possible future work / expansion or improvement information. Ms Scott noted that much of this resource information is available via the town website and documents and will work with the subcommittee to provide same.

Zoning Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee Chairman Beverly Donovan noted that the subcommittee has not yet held a formal meeting but has had some preliminary conversations. The committee reviewed the recent maps showing state and town owned land which may be coming up for disposition – sale, retention or “set aside” for conservation. Mr. Young cautioned that the committee be aware of what “input” the BOS may want, with conversation centered on the committee's appropriate input on commercial property. As the BOS has requested input by the end of July, the committee discussed and committed to the following:

VOTED: On motion made (D. Connolly) and seconded (S. Wrenn), the committee authorized the Zoning Subcommittee to craft a policy recommendation to the BOS identifying, the WEDC as a committee to be consulted and, as appropriate to the committee's Mission, the committee's general support of returning appropriate land to the tax rolls whenever practical. The subcommittee will submit its draft to Chairman Young for general committee understanding before sending it to the BOS. 7-0-0.

VOTED: On motion made (P. Gosselin) and seconded (B. Donovan), the committee recommends that the town NOT PURCHASE LOT 18-L-300 (currently Applewood Golf Course). 7-0-1 (S. Wrenn abstaining)

VOTED: On motion made (B. Donovan) and seconded (A. Letizio), the committee agrees to TAKE NO POSITION on residential lot identified as 22 Galmont Road. 7-0-0.

VOTED: On motion made (S. Wrenn) and seconded (B. Donovan), the committee voted to support the Board of Selectmen's proposed disposition of selling to the state 0.39 acres of “landlocked residential property” located at 7-A-625. 7-0-0.

Sunday Licenses

No new information to report

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2013 CIP Submission

Chairman Young briefly reviewed the request for CIP submissions and all agreed that the committee has no such needs at this time.

VOTED: On motion made (P. Gosselin) and seconded (D. Connolly) the committee authorized Chairman Young to sign the CIP Submission letter indicating that the committee has no needs at this time.

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Mr. Gosselin indicated that most current reviews concerned residential properties.

Board Updates:

Chairman Young noted that the WEDC attended the 7/11 Planning Board meeting to discuss goals and areas of mutual support.

Ms Scott noted that the Design Review subcommittee is still seeing participants.

Ms Donovan noted that the Village Center subcommittee has met and is currently reviewing history, zoning and current use.

GSCC / Community Development

Ms Donovan noted that summer is limited for Chamber events.

Ms Scott reviewed a number of Community Development events and upcoming informational distributions.

On motion made (S. D'Angelo) and seconded (P. Gosselin), the meeting adjourned at 10:10.

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