

Windham Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Friday January 14, 2011 (DRAFT)

PRESENT: Sally D'Angelo, Paul Gosselin, Laura Scott, Bob Young, Jay Yennaco, Bev Donavan, and Ralph Valentine, Sy Wrenn

Excused: Diane W.

Absent: Charlie McMahon, Al Letizio

Ralph called meeting to order at 7:38am

Review of Meeting Minutes for October, November, and December. Discussion regarding the form and contents of minutes moving forward.

Motion by Bob Second by Sally to approve October Minutes. Unanimous

Bob requested to be listed as absent and excused from November meeting. Review and edit of November Minutes.

Motion by Paul, Second by Bev to approve November Minutes. Unanimous

December Minutes. Sally Motion, Second by Bob. Unanimous

Survey:

Report in draft form, not complete. Subcommittee met 1.13.11. Bob Young thanked everyone for all of their support and work on the survey. Paul: Data to be reviewed and finalized. Suggested information is sent to committee members when it is more complete to review individually and provide feedback at a later date.

Discussion about small changes. Removing numerical numbers on results. Ralph suggested adding color to the map for major routes. Paul suggested putting results in order of highest to lowest. Laura suggested that it should stay consistent with the survey itself. Jay suggested coloring/highlighting the results vs. numbering them. Paul discussed the two-fold responsibilities we have as a committee with the results of the survey. Reporting the results and using the results to dictate our focus as a committee moving forward. Report is due to the Grant Funders by the end of January. We moved forward to discuss and revise the data for getting the report ready for first purpose now and using the results of the survey in a different way to analyze and highlight results and information for our specific purpose in presenting to the BOS and Planning Board at a later

date as well as using the data to help us with our Strategic Plan. Planning Board and BOS is not available until the middle/end of February. Ralph complimented the subcommittee (Bob and Eric) on the great job they did pulling together all of the data in a short amount of time in such a presentable format. Bob discussed deleting 8 Survey Responses due to multiple entries from one IP address.

Subcommittee agreed to meet once more.

Motion to accept this report today as amended made by Jay Y., second by Sy Wrenn.
Unanimous.

Ralph Phase 3 Sewer Study. The warrant article was moved to the ballot on a 4-0 BoS vote but on the recommendation by BoS, vote was 2-2 which would result in a “not recommended” notation on the ballot. There is still time to change the influence and change the decision of BoS either in upcoming meetings or at the Town deliberative session. Need to move forward by focusing on Watershed Protection and responsible development. Maps and articles will be available for public consumption. February 12th is deliberative session.

Discussion about shifting our meeting schedule to twice monthly. Second Friday and Fourth Thursday was considered. Upcoming schedule is as follows: 1.27. 2.11, 3.11, 3.24, 4.8.

Ralph passed out rough Strategic Plan for our review. Would like our response via email.

Laura discussed 11 Zoning Amendments

Business Expo on the 27th. 60 businesses signed up. Bev suggested not presenting survey results to the public at this time due to the fact that it has not yet been presented to the Planning Board and BOS. Postcard for WEDC Info to be handed out at expo.

4 Business Education Seminars coming up. Subjects, venues, and presenters are secured as well as the sponsor, Enterprise Bank.

January 24th 7:00 Pennichuck Water Presentation.

Website will be up by the end of the month. Windham-NH.com.

Sally Motioned to adjourn, Paul second. Adjourned. 9:04am

Submitted by Amy Spencer