

Windham Economic Development Committee

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes Tuesday February, 8, 2011 (DRAFT)

PRESENT: Al Letizio, Ralph Valentine, Jay Yennaco

EXCUSED: Charlie McMahon

Called to order at 7:35.

Jay arrived at about 7:55

Discussion revolved around the general notion of whether the WEDC is becoming more of a chamber type organization than and Economic Development Organization. Concern was about how much planning and organization the WEDC is involved in re: open houses, business after hour programs, etc. We agreed that the strategic plan would help to define the role of the WEDC.

While we recognize that certain of our goals involve outreach and support of existing businesses, it is important that our role is one of support through participation, but the WEDC would NOT be involved in organizing and planning of such events.

The goals of the WEDC represent the framework of the plan. Specific strategies have been outlined and the plan is slowly crystallizing. The Sub Committee does not want to rush such an important document.

The metric for measuring the effect on the tax burden that commercial development will have on the residents is almost completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 and the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Respectfully Remitted,

Ralph Valentine