

WINDHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes - DRAFT

Windham Community Development Department Conference Room
June 10, 2011

Present: Chairman Ralph Valentine; Amy Spencer, Secretary; members, Bev Donovan (GSCC), Paul Gosselin, Sy Wrenn (Planning Board), Bob Young, Al Letizio, Diane Wasilisian

Absent:

Excused: Phil LoChiatto (Selectmen), Jay Yennaco , Sally D'Angelo, Kathleen DiFrusia (Selectmen Alternate)

Also in Attendance: Laura Scott, Community Development Director

Chairman Valentine opened the meeting at 7:35 a.m.

Review of Minutes of May 13, 2011: Small changes made on second page.

Amended as follows:

Bev suggested that it should also be our role to educate and do outreach to organizations, such as CPIA & PTA, within the town.

Motion by Bev Donovan to accept the minutes as amended seconded by Al Passed 8.0.0

Community Development Updates, Laura Scott:

Community Development Website is growing and community sponsored advertisement slots have been filled for the remainder of the year except for the month of August. Discussion about how much advertisement will be allowed by the Selectmen moving forward. Discussion about how the website will be funded in the future.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 18th 9am-1pm Open House at 32 Indian Rock Road

4-5pm on July 29th, Celebrating Village Bean's Best of NH award

Planning Board is continuing to work on design review standards for neighborhood, gateway, and PPT Districts. The next meeting is June 29th. In addition, the Board is working on revising the Purpose sections of the non-residential zoning districts and is revisiting the Master Plan Benchmark Review. The Zoning items will be on the agenda for June 29th and the Master Plan will start on June 15th.

The WEDC Board and Laura Scott discussed our concerns with recent issues that have transpired at Planning Board Meetings.

The ADA Workshop was not as well attended as the Department had hoped but those that did attend learned a lot. NH has it's own accessibility regulations. Tax credits and deductions are available to Commercial Developers when making developments compliant with ADA Accessibility Codes. The Department has a file of information on ADA and the NH regulations if anyone is interested.

The Department and Historic Committee, in conjunction with Windham Baseball and the Chamber are hosting a Business After Hours on July 20th at Searles School & Chapel from 5:30-7:30pm. The theme is Business, Barbecue, and Baseball. There will also be a pick-up softball game at Griffin park after the event.

Appointments: Diane and Bob were reappointed to the WEDC by the BOS for 3-year terms.

Bev Donovan: reminded everyone about the Chamber Business After Hours at Canobie Lake Park on June 29th.

Discussion of role of WEDC in advising other Boards Including update by Paul Gosselin:

There is one item coming up on June 14th TRC agenda that may be of interest to this Board. TRC will be discussing a conditional use permit for a home based business. Bev Donovan made a motion that our position as a committee is that the WEDC support and encourage all businesses that comply with the town of Windham regulation and ordinances. Second by Bob 7.0.1 (Sy Wrenn abstained)

Next Survey Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 7:30 at Al Letizio's Office. The meeting is open to the public and those interested are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting will be Friday, June 24th, at 7:30.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:05 AM

Al Motioned Second by Paul 6.0.0

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Amy Spencer