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Windham Economic Development Committee
WEDC
Approved Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 10, 2012

Present: Chairman, Bob Young; Members: Dianne Connolly, Sally D'Angelo, Paul Gosselin, Ralph Valentine, Sy Wrenn, Jay Yennaco,

Staff Support: Laura Scott

Excused: Al Letezio, Bruce Breton

Absent: Bev Donovan, K. DiFruscia

Chairman Young opened the meeting at 7:36.

Chairman Young has sent letters to the Okerman family and to the BOS regarding the disposition of town properties. Ms Scott verified that her department holds correspondence copies.

VOTED: On motion made (S. D'Angelo) and seconded (S. Wrenn), the committee approved the minutes from the July 13th meeting with corrections. 5-0-2 (J. Yennaco, R. Valentine abstaining)

Village Center District Update, Mr. Wrenn, Chair for the District Committee, reporting

- Meetings occur every other week
- Current focus: current use, clear boundaries and on precise definitions of various business types.
- Meetings are being recorded and minutes are posted on the Planning Board page.

Marketing Subcommittee

Nothing current to report

Infrastructure Subcommittee, Mr. Valentine reporting

- Current focus is water, power and roads. R
- Representatives of Pennichuck water and PSNH power will attend in September.
- Discussion on DOT current road work and impact on businesses

Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee, Ms D'Angelo reporting

- Current focus - clear definitions of business types with recent input from Ms Dunn of ZBA
- Mr. Wrenn suggested eventual coordination of definitions
- Mr. Valentine offered to obtain use definitions from other towns
- The next subcommittee meeting will be on August 20th.

TRC, Mr. Gosselin reporting

- Three properties recently discussed
- Of note: Nonprofit for math / science
- Discussion underscored value of employment and services to Windham in compensation for loss of tax revenue

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Mr. Gosselin noted that if he is made a member of the Design Review subcommittee, another WEDC member should be appointed to the TRC.

Sunday Licenses, Ms Scott reporting

The WEDC reinforced its belief that both fees and licenses should be eliminated and that businesses operating on Sundays should be treated as businesses operating on other days of the week.

VOTED: On motion made (R. Valentine) and seconded (S. Wrenn) the WEDC recommends that the BOS delete the language of the current Sunday License ordinance and crafts an ordinance that reflects –

- Language in keeping with RSA 332 D4
- No fees
- No applications
- No licenses

Approved 7-0-0

Board and Chamber Updates, Ms D'Angelo, Ms Scott reporting

- The Chamber will host an after-hours event at the Salem Inn on August 15th at 5:30
- The Planning Board is preparing for Town Warrants, and is working on site plan regulations and committee bylaws
- The BOS will discuss land sale and disposition at its 8/27 meeting.

Community Development Update, Ms Scott reporting

- Business visits are ongoing
- Fall educational initiatives will include emergency preparedness, retirement, customer service and social media
- Budgeting is currently underway for the coming year; WEDC needs should be included
- The town continues to consider partnering with either Nashua or the "Southern" (Manchester) planning commissions.

Mr. Valentine questioned the status of the currently uploaded Minutes from the WEDC meetings and requested that such postings be the "final" rather than the "draft" versions. After discussion, the committee –

VOTED: On motion made (R. Valentine) and seconded (S. Wrenn) that final minutes be posted.

Approved 5-0-2. (J. Yennaco, P. Gosselin abstaining).

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 9:06.

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