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Windham Economic Development Committee
WEDC
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 11, 2013

Present: Chairman, Bob Young; Members: Dianne Connolly, Bev Donovan, Paul Gosselin, Al Letizio, Ralph Valentine, Sy Wrenn,

Admin Staff: Laura Scott

Excused: Bruce Breton, Sally D'Angelo, Jay Yenacco

Absent: K. DiFruscia,

Guest: Mr. Brandon Swisher

Chairman Young opened the meeting at 7:35

Chairman Young wished everyone a Happy New Year. Since our previous meeting he has submitted the Committee's Annual Report to the town and has also submitted a memo to the Planning Board regarding changes to zoning, per the committee's affirmative vote at the December meeting.

VOTED: On motion made (A. Letizio) and seconded (R. Valentine), the committee approved the minutes of the December meeting with a correction to Ms Scott's identification. 7-0-0.

Subcommittees:

Marketing - A. Letizio identified the subcommittee's upcoming meeting, with the target of having a presentation ready for Election Day. Ms Scott offered to facilitate approval for the committee's presence at the election. Discussion followed regarding the committee's advocating for various issues as opposed to educating the electorate. Consensus was reached that under the umbrella of the Committee's Mission and in keeping with unbiased information, the Committee should identify the benefits of economic development as appropriate to various warrant articles. It was agreed that all would review the upcoming warrant articles and be prepared to discuss same at the Committee's February meeting.

Infrastructure: R. Valentine noted that two articles have appeared in area newspapers regarding the issue of a water study which his subcommittee feels would be helpful in ascertaining future water needs as related to economic development areas. The Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board have been approached for guidance and those discussions continue. Mr. Letizio noted that the community survey conducted by the WEDC indicated a strong interest in an increased water supply for the town. Mr. Valentine described a need for a consistent water supply to support economic / commercial development.

Zoning Ordinance: B. Donovan noted that the nonresidential subcommittee's work is concluded but the village district work is ongoing. Mr. Wrenn suggested that the WEDC encourage commercial development in the Village Center.

Site Plan Regulations: Ms Scott noted that site plan regulations are not yet completed and has offered to send upcoming and pertinent meeting dates to the WEDC.

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TRC: Ms Scott noted that there are no current issues related to commercial properties.

BOS and Planning Board Updates: Ms Scott provided a memo from the town requesting input on the disposition of "State Surplus Land for Sale - 7-B-10"

VOTED: On motion made (B. Donovan) and seconded (R. Valentine), the committee will respond to the memo saying we take no position on the disposition of the parcel as it is not commercial and therefore not under our purview. 7-0-0.

Chamber / Community Development Updates: Ms Donovan referred committee members to the Chamber's web site for upcoming events and noted the April Economic Development Seminar. Ms Scott reminded members that she had previously sent out a list of new businesses as well as department activities.

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 9:04.

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