

WEDC Approved Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2016

Attendees: Gary Garfield, Joel Desilets, Bob Higgins, Ed Gallagher, Ralph Valentine, Lisa Walker, Mike Oldenburg, Donna Morris, Laura Scott

Excused: Bruce Richardson, Al Letizio

Call to order 7:35 AM WEDC Meeting minutes February 12,2016

Vote minutes of 2/12/16 Meeting. 5-0-3

Updates from Sub Committees:

Communications: Congrats to committee and town for team effort. Elements of need shown by the town Windham open to development. PBT passed 10% rule

Infrastructure: No meeting scheduled. Ralph working with Lisa Walsh from Eversource for updates on power outages etc. Water moving along with Gary's help. Laura Scott mentioned that Liberty Utilities committed to when Market Square develops they will bring lines across free of charge. Suggested to get key players together and devote a meeting to infrastructure goal being to get an encapsulated presentation.

Chamber update: Planning Executive Exchange. Relative to business growth. March 30th 2016. Showcased will be Gateway Park usage. Upcoming Pillar Awards

Land Use: Areas to look for ideas of what we'd like to see in town. Will approach committee for best practice of how to approach.

TRC: Lots of applicants

It was decided to extend the April meeting for a full 2 hours to discuss Strategic Plan.

In attendance was Mr. Karl Dubay, and Mr. Chris McCarthy. Discussing the highlights and usage of Village Center District. A major tenant will be announced next week. The design and layout of the project will compliment the layout of parcels. Construction to begin the next few months.

Vote to engage support of the WEDC passed 6-0-2 of the project. Ralph Valentine recused himself from discussion. Motion passed 7-0 to support project. Expansion of why we support, how best can we communicate our support. We will refer back to Master Plan of 2005. Continued discussions of how best to support the Village District.

April meeting: introduction of new members, Strategic Plan update, Infrastructure relative to proposals, communication.

8:45 Motion to adjourn.

