

Windham Economic Development Committee
Draft Minutes
November 18, 2016

Present: Abscent
R.E. Post D.Feroce (excused)
E.Gallagher M.Oldenbug (excused)
G.Garfield D. Morris
M.Magnuson
L.Walker
G.Fredette
J.Desilets
R.Norman

7:40 AM meeting called to order. Pledge of Allegiance. Return to normal schedule 12/09
Welcome to Rex Norman. Rex will be instrumental in advancing the Strategic Plan.

Minutes of 10/7 meeting tabled until December meeting. Forward minutes to Rex going forward.

Action items:

Lisa to send committee member lists to WEDC.

J.Desilets to be member of communication committee

Suggested that committees have standing meetings going forward. Meeting requirements are to be posted for public attendance. No quorum needed.

B.O.S have an interest in discussing water to commercial areas. Drought expected to continue through Spring. Joel Desilets and Dave Sullivan have been appointed to the SNH Regional Planning Committee.

Committee updates:

Infrastructure:

Motion made by J.Desilets for G.Garfied as chair of Infrastructure Committee. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Update: NH DES water study focused on replacing Turner Well. Funds from MBTE available.

According to Gary Lynn ,Salem wants to resolve individually. Response surprising as Dick Gregory and Ralph Valentine have spoken with contacts and were given impression Salem willing to collaborate. DES would like Regional approach to matter. The State has commissioned a water study with results due June or July 2017. Water issues not drought related but showing weak spots in infrastructure.

Ruth Ellen Post added that Planning Board is aware of increased problems with residential and commercial.

George Fredette pointed out the overlapping of work and meetings between DES, Regional Meetings and Towns. Suggested one meeting especially since Salem willing to collaborate. Currently Salem not part of any planning commission.

Land Use, TRC and Communication Committees: No update at this time.

Liaison Reports :

BOS: Web site bids received will be reviewed current vendor did not bid.

Goal to have a world class and best municipal website. Richer pages on site.

Boston Express and Park n Ride moving to Old Rte 111. Unknown if bus stop will be in use but will be to be used as such.

Planning Board :

Gateway Park- Largest development ever seen. At design review and discussion stages. Final application due in 12/7. Will be developed in stages and numerous years before complete.

Village Center: Also early design stage and review. Major challenge is having several different parcel owners. Joel Desilets informed committee that DOT has committed to turning lights back on at Range Rd and Rte 111 for safety and economic viability. Merchants in the area have agreed to help facilitate getting the light back in use.

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seconded by G.Fredette t

