



Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, Jan. 9, 2019

Approved

PRESENT: Mike Oldenburg, Gary Garfield, Ralph Valentine, Lisa Walker,

Excused: George Fredette,

Other: Rex Norman and Dick Gregory

Call to order at the Windham Comm. Dev. Dept. at 7:30 AM.

Minutes for Dec. 12, 2018 were approved as amended on a motion by Mike, seconded by Lisa vote was 4-0-0.

Gary reported on the 2 warrant articles which were going to be on the ballot in March. The first article is for \$800,000 to purchase the rights to 200,000 gallons of water. As users hook up, they will reimburse the Town. This article was moved to the March ballot by the BoS. The second article was for \$4.75M to be used towards a total cost of \$9.5M to extend the water line from McDonald's to Ledge Road, contingent upon \$4,75M being raised either through a grant or private sources. This article failed on a lack of a motion by the BoS to move it to the March ballot.

Gary reported in the most recent intermunicipal agreement meetings, which took place Jan 2, 2019, and was reported on Jan. 3, 2019 (See attached Update which is made a part of these minutes). The biggest discussion item was presented by PEU, when they advised the group that if they were to accept the extension built by Windham, Windham would have to pay approx. \$2.55M to cover the "Contribution in Aid of Construction" Tax, an income tax which would be due to the Federal gov't. Otherwise, PEU is willing to surrender its franchise to the Town in areas not currently served by PEU. Further discussion with committee members included ideas on how to move forward and get a water without PEU.

Dick advised that it was important that every effort is made by the EDC to help get the \$800,000 article passed. The group agreed that even though there were 2 major setbacks in the past week, the push must continue to get a water line.

The group in general was very disappointed that the article for the \$4.75M failed to even make it to the ballot and most disappointed that the Board of Selectmen are not taking the need for a municipal water line seriously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 on a motion by Lisa, second by Mike, 4-0-0.

Ralph Valentine, Secretary