



WEDC  
Economic Development Committee Meeting  
March 13, 2020  
Approved Minutes

Present:	Excused	Absent
G.Garfield	C.Macoul	M.Magnuson
G.Fredette.		Jennean Madison
L.Walker		J. Desilets
N.Shea		
M.Jacoby		
D.Valvo		
R.Norman		
D.Morris		
G.Toubia		
K.St.Laurent		

7:32 AM call to order. Pledge of Allegiance. Appointed alternates D. Valvo & M. Jacoby for C. Macoul & M. Magnuson.  
Motion made by N. Shea seconded by G. Fredette to approve minutes. Vote 6-0-2 as amended.

Election results debrief: Water did not pass. Highlights of efforts  
3 presentations throughout town in an effort to educate voters leading up to Election Day.  
Private group funded signage in town.  
Thank you to Lisa, Gabe and Nick for following Social Media and promoting the article on the ballot. Need to regroup and prepare campaign for next year. Not enough communication to public on need for safe water.  
Ideas for educating the public. Only 30% of the vote was for water.  
Discussion surrounding actions of Selectman, written comments and misrepresentation of water line all had negative impact.  
Potential of water commission to further education and communication.  
Selectman need to take leadership of the water project.

Warrant article for TIF District did pass.

Committee reports:

- Land Use: No report. Meeting to be held in April.
- Communications: Committee-issues covered related to election results and conveying information to the public. Potential of reorganizing committee

- Chamber report:  
Events: TBD, Covid 19 may prohibit events from taking place. Details to follow. Meeting taking place to determine health safety.
- Liaison Report- need for committed representation from BOS and Planning Board.
- New Businesses-Bidding underway for widening of Route 111.
- DOT has received letters of interest for study on widening Route 111 from three firms.

G. Garfield will circulate to the other boards topic of discussion at WEDC meeting.

WEDC strategic plan handed out to the committee. Important that our focus is not just on water.

Motion made by G. Toubia seconded by N. Shea to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:50 A.M