

Windham Economic Development Committee  
Infrastructure Sub-Committee  
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Approved

PRESENT: Mike Oldenburg, Jim Coburn, Bob Higgins and Ralph Valentine

Meeting called to order at the Windham Town Hall at 7:37 AM

The minutes of August 6, 2014 were approved as submitted on a motion by Jim and seconded by Bob. The vote was 4-0-0

Bob led a discussion about the cable infrastructure. Per chair of the Cable Committee all streets and buildings in Windham must have cable. If the connection > 200' then the user pays for the required pole. Laura drafted a letter to the owners on Industrial Drive, Wall Street and International Drive surveying them re: satisfaction with cable service. It is due to go out August 22. Discussion about a town-wide survey of cable service. Bob will attend the next cable meeting.

Per Mike, the water survey is completed but the results have not been published. Mike will report at the next Infrastructure meeting.

The DES water line extension has been approved by the Dept. of Justice and is still on track for 2015 installation. Next step is preparation of plans and specs for bidding.

CIP Request: the subcommittee reported to the EDC that no request shall be made for water related projects.

The discussion of a cable survey led to a discussion of a general survey of businesses and commercial land owners re: cable, electricity, water, sewer and roads. It was a general discussion but there was a focus on how to obtain sufficient, meaningful responses. One thought was that the survey would take place over a number of months rather than a smaller period of time. We expect to have more discussion about this topic in the future.

There were a couple of rhetorical questions posed and briefly discussed 1) how many charrettes and/or concept plans are available to create a slide show which can present economic development ideas in a more visual way, 2) are there any MTBE problems in the exit 3 area which might allow Windham to apply for DES funds? 3) will the EDC be better able to meet the EDC mission and goals by promoting the vision rather than or in addition to specific programs?

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:30 AM

Motion by Bob, second by Mike to adjourn, motion passed 4-0-0., adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Ralph Valentine