

Windham Economic Development Committee
WEDC
Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 8, 2012

Present: Chairman: Bob Young; Members: Bruce Breton, Sally D'Angelo, Paul Gosselin, Al Letizio, Bev Donovan, Ralph Valentine

Staff Support: Laura Scott

Late Arrival: Jay Yennaco, (7:41)

Excused: Dianne Connolly

Absent: Sy Wrenn

Chairman Young opened the meeting at 7:37.

Discussion: 180 day exemption ordinance, article 19:

Chairman Young had distributed via email a letter of Town Att. Campbell's responses to the WEDC's concerns about the committee membership conflict of interest ordinance and ongoing rights to appear before boards. The ordinance is to go to the court for clarification of legality next month. It has already affected the three reappointments of the WEDC. P. Gosselin has not asked to be reappointed due to this ordinance and not wanting to cede his right to appear. S. D'Angelo has sent a letter of interest to be reappointed. Derrick McManus has resigned his seat.

Motion: (A. Letizio), seconded (S. D'Angelo) to request that P. Gosselin stay on as a "hold-over" member until another person is appointed to replace him. Discussion.

Motion withdrawn.

VOTED: On motion made (A. Letizio) and seconded (S. D'Angelo), to ask the Board of Selectmen that in the case of the current WEDC members whose terms expire in June, 2012 and for those said members who have not resigned, to permit the members to remain on the WEDC in a "hold-over" status as regular members until the court decision has been made on the 180 day exemption period ordinance (before reappointing other members to replace them.)

PASSED. Vote: 5/1(RV)/2 (BB, PG)

Chairman Young will send a letter to the Selectmen, L Scott and D. Sullivan.

P. Gosselin has also declined his appointment to the Village District subcommittee due to the confusion of this ordinance and the letter will note that this issue has caused town's people to decline to volunteer.

B. Donovan was asked and agreed to step up to replace P. Gosselin as she was the appointed alternate member.

VOTED: (RV, 2nd BD) approval of the minutes of the May11, 2012 meeting. 7-0-1(JY).

Follow Up: Chairman Young announced that he had sent a letter to Planning Board Chair Margaret Crisler to request that she postpone the May 30th joint meeting with the Windham Economic Development Committee. It was rescheduled for July 18th.

Goal Setting:

Chairman Young distributed the results of the previous meeting's brain-storming session to identify top priorities and goals for the coming year. Chairman Young summarized his review breaking the ideas into four categories. These were further condensed to three:

- **Marketing, Education and Outreach-** such as communicating with the public and interaction with the School Board.
- **Infrastructure-** such as water and sewer issues
- **Land Use and Zoning Ordinances-** such as the Village district and site plan revisions

Discussion followed to define some of the general and specific goals and impacts.

VOTED: (SD, 2nd, BD) to adopt these three major goals for the upcoming 12 months.

PASSED 8/0/0

These goals will be fostered by standing subcommittees and members will choose to contribute to one or more, reporting back to the WEDC as necessary. Laura reminded everyone that minutes must be kept and meetings are open to the public. Each subcommittee meeting should be set up to meet once before the next WEDC meeting.

Members appointed:

- Marketing: Chair: A. Letizio, Members: J. Yennaco, B Breton
- Infrastructure: Chair: Ralph, Members: B. Young and S. Wrenn(pending confirmation from Sy).
- Landuse: Chair: B. Donovan, Members: P. Gosselin and S. D'Angelo

Chairman Young will ask D. Connolly and the possible newly appointed member(s) in which subcommittee they would be interested.

Reminders: June 25th, Meet with Selectmen

Discussion on presentations and potential discussion topics.

July 18th, joint Planning Board / WEDC Meeting.

Thanks to those involved with **the Design Review** at the last Planning Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

TRC: P. Gosselin reported that there were no commercial projects reviewed in the last month.

Board of Selectmen: B. Breton reported that during the last meeting they met with three regional planning commissions: RPC, NPC and the SNHPC. He has established a four month period during which anyone interested in attending a meeting at these three commissions, can visit to observe the benefits and differences. The WEDC will be asked to comment on the final decision.

Economic Development Director: L Scott reported that:

The Village District Committee will meet to begin their work next week.

The CIP will begin to meet to consider expenditures if we wanted to submit an expense for a specific study, for example, with a threshold of \$40,000.

The Planning Board will meet to discuss Site Plan Regulations soon.

Town Open Forums are ongoing and her office will be open to the town members for any questions next Tuesday afternoon.

WEDC Chairman Young reported that **CART** director, Lee Malony, has asked to meet with us regarding local transportation and she has been scheduled for the July meeting.

Motion to adjourn: (AL, 2nd PG): PASSED 8/0/0 9:17

Respectfully submitted: Sally D'Angelo for Dianne Connolly