

**Town of Winchester-City of Winsted
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, June 18th 2013, 7:00PM
Hicks Room 2nd Floor, Town Hall
338 Main Street, Winsted, CT**

COMMISSION

Dick Labich, Chairman	Bill Pratt
Carrie Case, Vice-Chairman	Maryann Welcome
Susie Collier, Secretary	Carol O'Connell
Dale Martin Interim Town Planner	

1. Call to Order by Chairman Dick Labich at 7pm.
2. Roll Call Present: Dick Labich, Bill Pratt, Carrie Case, Maryann Welcome, Susie Collier, Carol O'Connell. Dale Martin Interim Town Planner present.
3. Agenda Review item. Add: J.Sun Chief
4. Approval of Minutes (May 21, 2013 Meeting)
5. Public Comment
6. Old Business:
 - a. Full Commission Membership (Labich) Potential Member: Tilda Renza Jones (marketing background)
 - b. Grant Updates (Martin) No word on steep grant (for Whiting Street), Waiting for Main Street grant (to improve traffic flow), Smart Growth Grant, American mural project
 - c. Asa Flint Bakery Proposal
 - d. Bakery in Capital Products Building—no news
 - e. P&Z Hearing April 8 on Zoning Changes (Planimetrics)
 - f. Information Booth – Gazebo—FOMS considering it—Commissioner O'Connell placed flowers at gazebo. Commissioner Collier suggested offering Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other such group the opportunity to volunteer to maintain gazebo as a project. Commissioner Case will check with Scouts to determine if they would like to do so.
 - g. Tree Lighting—A banker came up with some funds for project. Dale Martin suggested Commissioner Labich call Art Melchur.
7. Sub committees
 - a.EDC Website Development & Data Base (Collier/Case) – Commissioner Case will send updated data to Commissioner Collier
 - I. Loading Retail Properties on Web Site
 - II. Loading Commercial Sites Available on Web Site
 - b. Tourism-Marketing (Welcome/Pratt/Case)
 - I. Cable Show Monday---FOMS on July 8, 2013, Whiting Mills July 22, 2013

From the Bank Show: TDI Regional Division Representative was asked what EDC can do to help businesses. Answer: When new businesses come into town, a town should hold their hands and walk the new businesses through the process of opening a business in the town.

Commissioner Labich will make video snippets of shows.

II. Search Engine Seminar – Waiting for confirmation from the college for a room with Wi-Fi--
Jon has idea for seminar.

III. CT Tourism—Antique Trail passed and criteria will be released in October.

c. Merchants’ Association (Labich). Bob Bailey and Sandy Evans now lead it. Commissioner Labich is EDC liaison.

8. New Business:

a. Planning Office Business Update (Martin) Still working on it.

b. Preparation of 2013-2014 Budget Commissioner Case presented EDC budget for review.

c. Ribbon Cutting – E-Clips Salon 6/20/13—everybody is invited---5pm

d. Discussion/Possible Action Regarding P&Z Hearing on Goldin Proposal

motion:

e. Letter to Litchfield Food Systems—Mr Burgess did not respond to letter asking why Winsted was not included....Dick will send follow up if letter not rec’d by next mtg.

f. Antique Trail-- Antique Trail passed and criteria will be released in October.

g. Paint America—every State has site; which town deserves to be painted? How does Winsted we get on the list?

h. Gilbert School’s International Program—actively recruiting Chinese students; 212 students will arrive mid to late august exchange students

i. Sports Dome—denied certificate of occupancy---State requires steel structure in roof over Field.

j. Kevin Nelson and Vance Taylor—second deal on Sun Chief property. Vance Taylor is optimistic.

k seminar

9. Correspondence/Bills: Nothing to review

a. EDC Monthly Budget Review

10. Adjournment

Motion	Commissioner	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Notes
To approve May 21, 2013 minutes	Pratt	Case	5	0	1	
To adjourn	Collier	Case	6	0	0	