

**Town of Winchester
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2014**

1. Call to Order
7:04 pm
2. Roll Call
Present: Chairman: Dick Labich, Chris Palmer, Anna Norland, Susie Collier, Carol O'Connell
Others Present: Dale Martin (Town Manager), BOS liaison: Candace Bouchard
Tardy: Kim Wimmer, Vice Chairman: Gina Sartirana
3. Agenda Review: Motion: SC Second: CP Vote: Unanimous
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion: CO Second: SC Vote: Unanimous Abstention: SC
5. Public Comment
6. Old Business:
 - a. Full Commission Membership: no additional information / 4 additional seats available
 - b. Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29: no additional information / after the train project start a committee
 - c. Job Fair: Chris to plan, figure a date, promotion and publicity, contact Carrie Case and ask for assistance/advice/thoughts if she is willing
 - d. Adopt a Park: no additional information
 - e. Industrial Park – Lot 11: no additional information / pull off agenda. Dale will verify with Marsha regarding any further word
 - f. East End Park Events: no additional information / discuss EDC having its own event, rather than piggy backing on other events. Gina and Kim will discuss after surveys are dealt with
 - g. Budget: no additional information
 - h. Business Survey: 25 back / major message: businesses need help and support. Negative impacts so far communicated: economy, signage, parking and “undesirables”. FOI Winsted Journal – demand to see survey results. EDC should view all surveys and Gina will email the spreadsheet with compiled data. Surveys are still coming in. Shaw will wait to publish any results until EDC can review the responses
 - i. Food Service at Concerts: Asa again this week. McGranes no interest (3 more concerts)
 - j. BOS request: no additional information
 - k. Train: Gina will check on progress and will update by email. Chris will check on a platform set up: train track, sand/gravel. Chris will make box, Dick will talk with Joe L. The platform will perhaps identify the Winsted EDC and have laurel on it for decoration.
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7. Sub Committees
 - a. EDC Website Development and Data Base: old minutes: Carol website: 10 days to respond, look at proposals and redesign
 - b. Cable Show: last show: 2 printers show now: 1) blacksmith Whiting Mills horseshoes 2) taxidermist, Cabella's skunks Glen Barber next show: Historical Museum film 14th
CT Tourism: Carol will wait until received all information

Map: Dick deliver to Torrington: motel, Yankee Peddler / Lake Welcome Wagon idea
– maps and other publications. Dick will ask Mary regarding the cost for more maps
to be printed. Dick and Gina will collect and inventory maps left
Folders: photographs are almost completed
c. Signage: no additional information

8. New Business:

- a. Planning Office Business Update: Making Places Grant – rolling application due on 15th of each month
- b. Ellen invited Malloy and his wife to tour Whiting Mills and AMP – given matching grant \$1 million . One year to come up with the matching funds / raised 400,000 so far. Dale will reach out to Ellen to ask if she needs any help
- c. Lambert Kay – BOS going forward, will award proposal by September BOS meeting, BOS to update previous document and moving forward with clean up and remarketing it
- d. Bike Path: Anna to connect with the environmental committee, Loretta Trembly to connect regarding bike paths

9. Correspondence/Bills:

10. Adjournment

Motion: SC Second: Vote: 8:13 pm