

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

**Tuesday, October 15th 17, 2013, 7:00PM
Blue Room 2nd Floor, Town Hall
338 Main Street, Winsted, CT**

COMMISSION

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

1. Call to Order 7:05 PM
2. Roll Call: Present: Dick Labich, Chairman, Carol O'Connell, Susie Collier, Secretary Tilda Renza-Jones, Carol O'Connell Unexcused: Carrie Case, Vice Chairman, Maryann Welcome Also at Meeting: Dale Martin Interim Town Planner LATE 7:08
3. Agenda Review
New business
Item b Northwest Utilities
Item c northwest CT Arts Council
4. Approval of Minutes (September 17, 2013)
5. Public Comment none
6. Old Business:
 - a. Full Commission Membership (Labich)
 - b. Grant Updates (Martin) Oct 22 mtg re: American Mural and STEAP grant- resubmit same projects as last year
 - c. Gilbert School's International Program
 - I. Printed Merchants' Signs
 - II. Moon Party at YMCA – Sept.18 day after BOS mtg....printed merchants sign around town....contributed by Goulet for free..over 100 printed...was fun....great turn out...Jay did a great job, students enjoyed it...Commissioner Labich served ice cream for 3 hrs....video somewhere of lanterns in sky...on jay's website
 - d. 2013-2014 Budget (Case)
 - e. POCD - Handouts George Closson
 - f. October 7 Seminar very successful Jon Bishop was pleased with results....half a dozen... need direction from Commissioner Welcome.... Commissioner Labich said we will get info on real results....Have another one late to middle of November...room at college was perfect.... Commissioner Labich will follow up with Commissioner Welcome since it is her baby...donation of wine and \$15.00 more than covered cost
 - g. Reprint Folders - working with Alan Delvecchio...did not meet but had two conversations

h. Imagine Senior Living.....new owners of Laurel Hill Health Center... Commissioner Labich talked with director to see if EDC could find tax credits or subsidies... Commissioner Labich will follow up so it does not die... People will be looking for housing so Commissioner Labich referred a realtor who was pleased as punch

i. Antique Boat Show ...quality was there but not quantity...more than paid for everything and have \$80.00 for next year. Meeting w/ boat experts from Mass. to get more boats. FOMS has mtg. with Neil on Fall Festival...have to work out logistics...boats left as fair was going on...

7. Sub committees

a. EDC Website Development & Data Base (Collier/Case) Commissioner Labich will talk with Commissioner Case to get information

I. Loading Retail Properties on Web Site

II. Loading Commercial Sites Available on Web Site

b. Tourism-Marketing (Welcome/Case)

I. Cable Show—repeat of realtors show with Vance Taylor and Dave Demore and Kevin Nelson...put a new front and back end one....next show on two hobby stores in town...filming 2-3 weeks ago on RC hobbies....amazed at people who came from out of town for show....selling some cars to Saudi Arabia....cars sell from \$1000-3000.

II. Search Engine Seminar Commissioner Renza-Jones will follow up on maps if budget is here

III. CT Tourism

IV. Business Map – (Jones)

c. Merchants' Association (Labich) Bob Bailey / Sandy Evans are co-chairs; want Dale Martin to come to next mtg.

8. New Business:

a. Planning Office Business Update (Martin) - conditionally approved apts. -17- on Bridge Street...one year out to occupancy

P&Z....not for profit Mike Renzullo-- Capital Products Building ... mixed used residential Waiting for answers

Closed on Laurel Hills early October

Bookstore possibility downtown but time will tell ...primary application

Berry- Yogurt store

Register Citizen....region wide...Oct 23 Event rsvp...

Blight Ordinance....lawyers in town looked at blight ordinances and should do something about it....

Sun Chief was sold to Tom Iffland....manufacturing incubator....

9. Correspondence/Bills:

a. EDC Monthly Budget Review

10. Adjournment 7: 50PM

Motion	Commissioner	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Notes
To approve	Collier	Renza-Jones	3		1	

September 2013 Minutes						
To adjourn	Collier	O'Connell				Unanimous