

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 6:00 PM
Lee Ann LaClair Room (Blue Room)
COMMISSION

Thomas Carter, Chairman
Deweese Yeager, Vice Chairman
Gary Giordano, Treasurer
Jamie Coligan, Secretary
Dennis Dressel, Commissioner
Alan Colavecchio, Commissioner
Carrie Stetson, Commissioner
Jess Tessman, Commissioner
Eric Richard, Alternate
Joseph Santoro, Alternate
Stephen Plumlee, Alternate

TOWN OFFICIALS

Paul Harrington, Town Manager
Althea Candy Perez, BOS Liaison

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Called to order at 6:00 pm by Thomas Carter. At the meeting were Thomas Carter, Dewees Yeager, Jessica Tessman, Dennis Dressel, Alan Colavecchio, Carrie Stetson, Gary Giordano, Jamie Coligan and guest Veronica Zecchin.
2. Agenda Review - Motion to approve by Dewees Yeager, seconded by Dennis Dressel. Voted 7-0-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025, by Dennis Dressel, seconded by Alan Colavecchio. Voted 6-0-1.
4. Public Comment - No public comments reported.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - The EDC has an available budget of \$9,550 as of 7/1/2025.
6. New Business
 - What's Happening in Town?
 - Community Needs Survey -
 - Results have been posted on the Town of Winchester website
 - 108 E Lake Street and Domino's are moving forward with renovations.
 - 508 Main St. & Wallens Hill Request for Proposal (RFP) are scheduled to be sent out in mid-August.
 - Yield Properties (Geoff working with Eversource to get power in there).
 - Home and Cake - Tom to follow up on Exit Interview.

- Chinese Restaurant(s): More information to come soon.
- 39 South Main has developer interest for affordable housing.
- Liaison Updates
 - Sue Grossman - Engineering Company sent out a report and did cost comparisons.
 - Friends of Main Street - No updates.
 - Town of Winchester Website (EDC Page)
 - Notes on 10 Bridge St are below.
 - Traffic / WOW Committee
 - No updates.
 - Willow St. Business District
 - No updates.
 - Real Estate Committee
 - Tom, Dewees, & Gary are working on the properties list.
 - 10 Bridge Street
 - Awaiting next meeting scheduling (Paul Harrington)
 - Brownfield Grant discussion.
- Business Visitations
 - Peacocks and Lilacs have moved into Andy's Attic.
 - Toby's - Tom will visit Thursday (7/3) to confirm grand opening dates: July 11 & 12.
 - JoAnn Ryan Retirement - Gary will bring a card at the next meeting.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
 - No new ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled.
 - Try to coordinate with Toby's. And possibly with Park Place Hardware.
- Social Media Spotlights
 - Upcoming Spotlight(s) - Railway Cafe, Marina, Tyler FX Studios.
 - Keep Park Place Hardware on the radar - new renovations.
 - Facebook - 880 Followers.
 - Suggestion: Promote Toby's Grand Opening.

7. Communications - No communications reported.

8. Old Business

- EDC Promotional Video (3 - 4 minute video).
 - The video is focused on highlighting the importance of being a business owner.
 - Expected Finish Date: September.
- Job Fair - 2025
 - Event Date: Thursday, September 25th, 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

- Location: Greenwoods Hall Gym, NCCC..
- Alan is working on the flyer.
- Payment Options
 - Jess will check with Parks and Recreation.
 - Any Memo's should include the Job Fair 2025.

9. Adjournment - 7:02 pm motion by Carrie Stetson, seconded by Dewees Yeager.
Voted 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Coligan