

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

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

REMOTE MEETING
COMMISSION

Dennis Dressel, Chairman
Deweese Yeager, Vice Chairman
Jessica Tessman, Secretary
Gary Giordano, Treasurer
Alan Colavecchio
Jill Fourie
Kevin O'Connell
Jim Welton, Alternate
David Sartirana, Alternate
Joshua Kelly, Town Manager
Jack Bourque, BOS Liaison
Linda Groppo, BOS Liaison

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Called to order at 7:06 pm by Dennis Dressel. At the meeting was Dennis Dressel, Jessica Tessman, Dewees Yeager, Kevin O'Connell, Gary Giordano, Alan Colavecchio, Jill Fourie, and Dave Sartirana.
2. Agenda Review – Motion to approve agenda by, Alan Colavecchio, second by Dewees Yeager. Voted 7-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 4, 2022. Motion to approve current minutes by Dewees Yeager as written, second by Gary Giordano. Voted 7-0.
4. New Business
What's Happening in Town?
 - a) The Town of Winchester advertised an opening for a part-time Director of Economic Development (20 hours per week). Interviews were held last week.
5. Communications –
 - a) 2nd Home Lounge, located at 524 Main Street, contacted Dennis regarding parking and traffic flow on Main Street. 2nd Home Lounge would like to form a group of business owners to discuss main street initiatives. Dennis will connect with Josh.

6. Old Business

- a) Discussion of NWCC's signs – Jess and Kevin met and discussed the usage of signage. Jess connected with Susan Stiller from NWCC regarding the specific sign guidelines.
- b) Town Manager's January 14th News Conference for \$250k grant: A Press Conference was scheduled with the Town Manager, Board of Selectman, and invited guests to launch two major business investment programs. The conference was very insightful.
- c) Update on Manufacturers Forum: The Manufacturers Forum will meet at Rowley Tap and Grill for Breakfast on 1/27/22 at 7:45AM. Sterling Sintered, H-O Products, Fairchild Auto-Mated Parts, and many other Manufacturers are interested. Dewees will coordinate the "Made in Winchester Series" with Jess and start with Hubbell.
- d) Business Visitation: Dewees reached out to Sandy from Whiting Mills, in efforts to advertise and feature more vendors in the Mills. Dennis visited with Winchester Industries, located at 106 John Groppo Drive. Dewees will re-send the Business Master list sheet to all commissioners.
- e) FB – Business in the Spotlight: Jess is coordinating the Made in Winchester series with Dewees. Jess is planning to restart the social media calendar.

7. Adjournment – 7:48 pm motion by Dewees Yeager, second by Kevin O'Connell. Voted 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Tessman