

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

Tuesday, January 4, 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 7:04 pm by Dennis Dressel. At the meeting was Dennis Dressel, Jessica Tessman, Gary Giordano, Alan Colavecchio, Jill Fourie, and Guests Linda Groppo and Shayne Deschamps.
2. Agenda Review – Motion to approve agenda by, Alan Colavecchio, second by Jess Tessman. Voted 5-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: December 21, 2021. Motion to approve current minutes by Alan Colavecchio as written, second by Jess Tessman. Voted 5-0.
4. New Business
What's Happening in Town?
 - a) 2nd Home Lounge, located at 524 Main Street, is a great addition to Winsted!
 - b) The Town of Winchester has an opening for a part-time Director of Economic Development (20 hours per week). Applications are due by Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Dennis will be included on the search committee.
 - c) The Town of Winchester is applying for multiple grant opportunities for different projects around town. On behalf of the EDC, Dennis submitted a letter of support to Joshua. Dewees and Kevin are the representatives to assist Josh in reviewing grant opportunities.
 - d) 508 Main Street: There are no new advancements. The Board of Selectman will continue discussion surrounding this project.
5. Communications – No Communications reported.

6. Old Business

- a) Jim suggested to start Winsted Business of the Year. The EDC tabled this idea.
- b) Town Manager's January 14th News Conference for \$250k grant: Further information will be released.
- c) Discussion of NWCC's signs – Jess & Kevin will reach out to Susan Stiller at NCCC to discuss further information regarding the use of signage.
- d) 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.
- e) Jess contacted Shane and Shannon from Rooted Market. They will notify us when they release their new golf shop.

7. Adjournment – 8:25 pm motion by Gary Giordano, second by Jill Fourie. Voted 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Tessman